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MI5 called in to combat £2bn housing benefit fraud

BY DOMINIC KENNEDY. MICHAEL EVANS AND ARTHUR LEATHLEY

MI5 could become involved in operations to counter housing benefit fraud, which is costing the taxpayers up to £2 billion a year, ministers disclosed yesterday.

A special 120-strong investigative eam will also be set up in London, where the problem is worst, and 19 million people are to be issued with plastic payment cards to replace illowance books and giros.

The measures were announced as the Commons Social Security Committee reported that housing benefit was now the target of organised crime and that one in five claims was fraudulent. "These most serious cases have nothing to do with poverty or desperation," the report says. "They are organised crimes motiviated by greed and deceit."

Frank Field, the committee chairman, said: "There are more multimillionaires created through housing benefit fraud than through the National Lottery." There was no language to describe the enormity of the problem. "It is like being asked to navigate an area with the tools available to Christopher Columbus

in an age when you travel the galaxy.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, disputed the £2 billion figure, saying his department put the cost of fraud at half that. But he nevertheless announced plans for identity cards and the London force, while Baroness Blatch told peers that MI5 could play a part in combating benefit frauds where they were on a national scale.

The security service is being given new powers to help the police and Customs to tackle organised crime and while it is expected to concentrate on drug trafficking and racketeering. Lady Blatch said that it could also help the Serious Fraud Office, the Immigration Sevice and the Benefits Agency.

At the moment, nine MI5 staff are working on organised crime investigations, although existing law allows them to deal only with terrorist organisations. When the new law comes into effect, the same group will become involved in other areas.

In the meantime, Mr Lilley is to put into effect the most sweeping reforms in the way benefits are paid since the establishment of the welfare state. The new plastic cards which opponents fear are a precursor of national identity cards - will be linked to a computer system that will handle twice as many customers and four times as much money as Barclaycard. Personal details, such as relatives

maiden names, will be stored on computer and holders will be asked random questions to ensure that they are who they say they are. The cards will not be "smart

cards" containing information about claimants, but Mr Lilley said the computer network would be a "smart system" capable of using smart cards in future. The new system, one of the largest

in Europe, will be phased in this autumn and besides paying bene-fits and utility bills, postmasters are interested in using it to book holidays and arrange travel insurance for customers.

Ministers are also preparing to announce plans to prevent some IS million "spare" National Insurance numbers being used fraudulently. Most relate to people who have died, and they are acquired rather as Frederick Forsyth used the identity of a dead infant to obtain a passport in his book The Day of the Jackal.



Britons plucked to safety

Hostages freed in jungle rescue

By Our Correspondent in Jakarta and Bill Frost

FOUR Cambridge graduates were last night enjoying their first night of freedom since January after a dramatic resoperation part-planned by the SAS released them from a rebel camp in the Indonesian

Special forces slid down ropes from helicopters to rescue the quartet and five other hostages - one of them seven months pregnant — after a five-day chase across some of the most rugged terrain in the world. Two Indonesians were still being held by the kidnappers, who fled with troops in

Shots were fired during the operation, but no one was hurt and the hostages were all reported to be in good health. They had to remain halfway up a jungle mountain with 25 members of the Indonesian special forces overnight, however, because the monsoon made flying impossible.

They are expected to come down today, weather permitting, and have a medical check. If all goes according to plan, they will return to Jakar-ta this afternoon and then home to England.

Anna McIvor, Daniel Start, Annette van der Kolk and William Oates, all aged 21 or 22, were among 26 people taken prisoner by the separatist Free Papua Movement (OPM) while studying a planned nature reserve in the

province of Irian Jaya on January 8. The guerrillas said they were holding the young oon to their strugg independence for the area, 2,500 miles northeast of Jakarta, and the student captives all supported their cause.

Miss McIvor's mother, Susan, said: "This has been an amazing learning experience for all four of them. We never thought they were in any danger from their captors."

Throughout the operation. two Metropolitan Police security experts and British military advisers have been in Irian Jaya. However Graham Burton, the British ambassador in Jakarta, denied that the SAS or any other British soldiers had taken an active part in the rescue. "This has been an Indonesian operation." he said. "They know the area better than anyone and we have left the operational details to them. The military set out to release the hostages and in an action on the

mountain they released them. "It took five days to free the hostages because the special forces trackers did not want to make any mistakes. It is impossible to move quickly over the terrain and false trails had to be checked as well. We all feel absolutely great, but will feel even greater when we get the last two Indonesians







The International Committee of the Red Cross began mediation attempts on February 7, and since then the hostages had been in regular contact with their families. both sending and receiving letters. From these it appeared that the kidnappers looked after their prisoners well, with a regular supply of food the biggest problem.

The four Britons and some

of the Indonesians had been on a joint Cambridge University and Jakarta Biological Sciences Club expedition to the Lorentz nature reserve in the Baliem Valley. Two days before they were due to leave

the area, they were captured.

The 26 people seized on
January 8 included a number of Indonesians, World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) staff and Dutch UNESCO workers. Eleven Indonesians were freed after four days and a

were privately appalled.

The Ven George Austin,

Archdeacon of York, accused

the former archbishop of "dis-

honesty". He said: "The arch-

bishop did something which

at the time was thought im-

proper, and without so much

churchman.

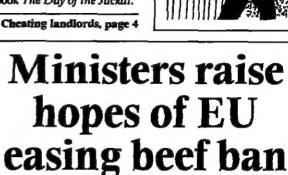
condition he returned after presenting the OPM's de-mands. He never went back. By yesterday, only the four Britons, two Dutch - including the pregnant Martha Klein — and five Indonesians

Hostages' sympathy, page 5

were still in captivity. German WWF worker was released three days later on

matter of delight and pleasing to God in itself, then what about people who engaged in same sex expression and who are incapable of heterosexual Bishops, struggling to main-tain what is widely regarded as an impossible position, since they effectively sanctioned homosexual relationships among the laity but outlawed them for clergy,

This has completely taken my breath away," said one bishop. "I can't believe he's said that," said another senior



By Charles Bremner in brussels and Philip Webster

MINISTERS voiced hopes last night that the ban on British beef would be eased next week in spite of a suspension of talks in Brussels.

Europe's scientific veterinary experts decided not to push plans for a partial end to the ban to a vote after eight hours of negotiations because of objections from Germany and other countries to an immediate lifting of the

The further delay infuriated Conservative Euro-sceptics last night. But after a day on which President Chirac swung his support behind the partial lifting of the ban during his visit to London, the Government said last night that important progress had been made.

Officials spoke of growing support for Britain's position and expressed confidence that the ban on gelatine and other by-products would go on Monday after Britain has provided more details of its measures to combat BSE.

The Cabinet will review the suspension this morning but informed sources were last night ruling out the adoption of any retaliatory measures. We are slowly getting there by negotiation and this is not

the time to up the ante," they

Meldrum, the British chief veterinary officer, said he was confident that Britain would be able next week to provide the guarantees that other states were requiring before giving the nod to the proposal from the European Commission to exempt the products from the ban. I'm very optimistic," he said. "We are a lot nearer than we were two months ago." His view was shared, in more cautious terms, by officials from other states.

In a Commons debate on agriculture, Douglas Hogg. the Agriculture Minister, said there were some technical issues that needed to be sorted out but added that "good progress" had been made at the talks.

Britain must offer precise details on how it will monitor the manufacture of the byproducts and abide by strict conditions on temperature treatment and other matters required by the Commission. Some Continental officials said approval would be tied to the presentation of Britain's full programme for eradicat-

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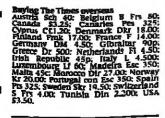
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Runcie confesses to ordaining homosexuals BY RUTH GLEDHILL

RELIGION CORRESPONDENT

LORD RUNCIE, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, last night blew apart the Church of England's uneasy truce on homosexuality when he condemned its present stance as "ludicrous" and said he had knowingly ordained practising homosexuals.

Asked by the Times journalist Anthony Howard, on BBC Radio 4's The Purple, the Blue and the Red, whether he knowingly ordained practising homosexuals. Lord Runcie says: "Yes. I feel that's an answer that would do justice to a Panorama Princess of Wales interview, but it wasn't quite as dramatic as that, because I have not knowingly ordained anyone who told me they were a practising homosexual and were living with

someone as if it were a

anybody - in fact I have halted an ordination - when I discovered that."

However, he continued: On the other hand, there have been times in my ministry when I have acted in a don't want to know way and why should I inquire way. and I never liked the prospect of inquiring into what happened in a man's bedroom unless he was prepared to tell

In the interview, due to be broadcast this evening, Lord Runcie criticised the Church's position on the issue. At the moment, it's at an unsatisfactory compromise where officially the line is that nobody can be ordained who engages in genital sexual activity and yet you can be a member of the Church if you do so." He said this line was "ludicrous". The former archbishop said

"ludicrous" approach



Runcie attacked Church's

the root of the problem was the decision in 1930 to sanction the use of birth control. "Once the Church accepted artificial contraception they signalled that sexual activity was for human delight and a blessing, even if it was divorced from any idea of procreation. Once you've as a by-your-leave."

Hardline Hindus get chance to rule

The Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party will head India's new Government under the leadership of Atal Vajpayee, who will be sworn in today as Prime Minister. He has been given until May 31 to submit himself to a vote of confidence in the Lok Sabha (lower house). He is substantially short of a majority and has only an outside chance of surviving the

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Bob Dole, the Republican presidential contender, has amazed Washington by deciding to give up the Senate leadership and his Senate seat in an attempt to revive his campaign. Democrats called it an act of desperation: he trails President Clinton by 20 ... Page 13

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Merrie England goes to the wall to greet an old foe

peculiarly Gallic smile, fastidious and slightly pained, like a cat with indigestion. To misquote, the French are so damned French it looks like an affectation. None more so than Jacques Chirac, whom peers and MPs welcomed to Westminster yesterday with a display of tin soldiers and top-ofthe-range Merrie England flummery in best Ruritanian

All assembled in the vast Royal Gallery, which fulfils almost no function beyond these occasional VIP doghangings. A baroque frenzy of

By MICHAEL BINYON

DIPLOMATIC EDITOR

PRESIDENT CHIRAC ap-

pealed to MPs yesterday to

support monetary union and

urged Britain not to exercise

In a speech to both Houses

of Parliament, he expressed

confidence that Britain would,

in the end, be among the

founding participants in a

single currency in 1999.

"France wants you to take part

in this great undertaking," he

His call, coming immediate-

ly after talks at Downing

Street on the inter-governmen-

tal conference and the develop-

ment of the European Union,

was swiftly rebuifed by Tory Euro-sceptics, who accused

him of "gentle bullying" and trying to entice Britain into

"this mad enterprise".

Teddy Taylor, MP for
Southend East, said the single

currency was a "recipe for

unemployment and misery".

The former Cabinet minister

John Redwood said that Brit-

ain should do all it could to

stop greater European

integration.

M Chirac, however, was

ebullient in laying out the

advantages. "It is an ambi-

its right to opt out.

boasts enough gilt, oak, velvet and de-luxe wallnaper to furnish ten thousand curry An ermined George III

gazed fatly from his frame

through a phalanx of cameramen herded into a pen beneath. One wonders what he made of it. First came a disparate crew of MPs and peers jostling to their seats. inspecting headsets to trans-late M Chirac's French. French guests would be bilingual. We would not. Next came five creatures in scarlet and gold carpets and black

British public."

growth and therefore job-creation. The promise of cohe-

sion and solidarity at the heart of the Union. The promise,

finally, of a greater influence

He insisted that France

would be ready and willing to

go ahead with a single curren-

cy in 1999. "I would like to

reaffirm here my determ-

ination to stick to the timetable

His remarks were followed

by an assertion of Britain's

importance to its partners. A

Europe without Britain was

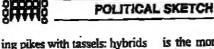
'unimaginable", he said. "A

strong, influential Europe that

is capable of playing a full role in the world is a Europe in

that has been laid down."

on the world economy."



ing pikes with tassels: hybrids of Tudor infantryman and Yankee drum majorette.

Cornet players in plumed brass helmets raised their instruments for an acid fanfare and in pranced a stately duo in black and gold: suntanned Betty Boothroyd with Lord Mackay of Clashfern: Betty out-brocading James, whose wig needs Miss Boothroyd's silver wig

Chirac pleads with Britain

to join single currency

In the eyes of most Englishmen and women, "the greatest

living Frenchman" was not the man who came to speak to

Parliament yesterday, according to Betty Boothroyd, the

Speaker. Mr Chirac, the first French leader since de

Gaulle to have been allowed the honour of addressing both

Houses of Parliament, smiled broadly when the Speaker

declared: "Throughout last week the Tricolour was being

carried in triumph by thousands of people through the streets of Manchester." She went on: "It was not, I fear, in

honour of your great statesmen's achievements. It was a

tribute to a man who many of my fellow countrymen and

women clearly regard as the greatest living Frenchman. I

refer to Eric Cantona, who scored the winning goal in the

Cup Final and became a hero of a large proportion of the

standing for British views on Europe and said that differ-

ences had been discussed in a

friendly way. He said that the

Maastricht convergence crite-

ria for economic and mone-

tary union were founded on

common sense and sound

management of the economy.

of politically valuable compli-

ment that emphasised their

close personal relationship.

"Other countries haven't been

as wise as the United King-

dom in past years, so we now

face deficit problems and un-

employment problems," he

the two also discussed their

increasingly close defence re-

During 90 minutes of talks.

said, Mr Major beamed.

He paid Mr Major the kind

afterthought. Someone dressed like Colonel Gaddafi marched up to

mental conference and pro-

posals to increase the number of school exchanges between

M Chirac said a "strong

British presence" was impor-

tant in building the future of Europe. "What I would like to

see is these friendly discus-

sions going forward so we can

hear the views of the United

Kingdom strongly in the

and to enjoy each other's company. Mr Major was

greatly amused by a question

on whether France would take

the lead in a ménage à trois

with Britain and Germany,

their common power "at a crucial moment in the consid-

eration of Europe". He highlighted the symbol-

ism of the Channel Tunnel,

saying that it was now a

reality anchoring England to Europe. Britain was no long-

er quite the island it was".

veen its suitors.

The two appeared relaxed

Britain and France.

European system.

is the more stunning for not

being a wig, the Lord Chancel-

lor's a lightly ruffled pond

beside Madam Speaker's

souffled storm of curls. The

carpets bowed. In paddled Sir

Edward Heath, late, but enti-

tied to be: after the carpets a dignified addendum to the

Constitution, a portly

WATTEW PARRIS

carpets being too busy with their pikes. Another fanfare. In strode the French President, looking French.

The Lord Chancellor made a polite speech of no consequence, mentioning, as required on these occasions, the Second World War and the Channel Tunnel. He also mentioned "reminders around these walls of when relations were less cordial," which was cheeky considering that poor M Chirac was obliged to address an audience whose hackdrop was two huge friezes, of the defeat of the French at Waterloo and Tra-

falgar. Both depicted scenes of indescribable carnage.

At Trafalgar (where the powder-monkey priming the British cannons was the spitting image of Teresa Gorman) Hardy was tastefully hanging back from kissing Lord Nel-son, perhaps lest this reinforce in M Chirac's mind some French prejudices about the

English.
The President spoke. Adopting a distantly thoughtful expression, he mentioned the Second World War and the Channel Tunnel. His remarks were punctuated by a polite cough. He said nothing, as was required. Thanking him.

the Second World War and the Channel Tunnel, then, in a moment of abandon. Eric Cantona. Vive la France!, she concluded, in merciful contrast to the "tell Europe to get stuffed" she had had to take from one Conservative MP

Another fanfare and out filed the carpets. President Chirac left, released from our barbarities, still looking French. We had warmed to him - That sweet enemy, France," as Sir Philip Sidney wrote more than 400 years



President Chirac and John King yesterday and, below, in 1950 when they last met

but Mr Chirac diplomatically insisted that France would play a "harmonising role" In his speech to Parliament, **President** M Chirac referred several times to the close ties between and friend Britain and France and the "darkest hours" of the last war. Now the two countries meet after must once again reflect on

46 years BY RUSSELL JENRINS

THE French President and a semi-retired businessman greeted each other like longlost friends yesterday. The last time they met was 46 years ago when Jacques Chirac was teenager in Tintin plus-

The President, a beaming smile across his face, opened his arms and offered a Gallic embrace when John King, now 63, walked into the 1884 room in Buckingham Palace

"It is lovely to see you," he told his old chum, who had introduced the 14-year-old Jacques to postwar austerity Britain during an exchange visit to his parents' home in Rochester, Kent, in 1947.

For ten minutes the two men were lost in their memories as they recalled their adventures in the Kentish town and then at the Chiracs' Paris flat and house in the country. The President spoke of his continuing fondness for fish and chips and laughed as Mr King recalled the rows of empty shelves in the grocery stores during the immediate postwar period.

Nescafé was very difficult to find," Mr King said. "I went out shopping with him and we would call into shops to see if we could find a tin of the coffee. I remember passing a decorator's shop with tins of paint in the shop window. Nothing I could do would dissuade Jacques, who going into the shop. 'I'm going to ask for Nescafe, said Jacques. I had be was very determined, from eques. I told him not to bother and, of course, he came

out very disappointed." Mr King, a retired British relecom main board director. who lives in Reigate, Surrey. with his wife Ina, read of M Chirac's desire to meet him in The Times. "I immediately rang the Foreign Office and the machinery sprang

By JILL SHERMAN

CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

GORDON BROWN put a £3 billion cap

on new spending by a Labour govern-

ment yesterday as the party unveiled an

ambitious programme to help 600,000

Mr Brown, Tony Blair and three other

Shadow Cabinet ministers shared the

youngsters to find work or training.

into action straight away. M Chirac's parents had contacted teachers at the Sir Joseph Williamson's Mathematical School in Rochester seeking an exchange visit with a suitable English teen-

"He has fond memories of

Neither teenager spoke much of each other's lan-

visit in 1947 was eased by two more, in 1948 and 1950. "At would have a dictionary on

"At times it was a slightly tricky relationship but we had a lot of laughs, a lot of fun and a lot of disagreements. We were both very competitive and I remember he was

Elysée Palace when he is next over in Paris and Mr King

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Police fear that the conviction of Sean McNulty, 28, for bombing oil and gas installa-tions in Tyneside will be overturned after the discovering of equipment contaminated with explosives at a forensic laboratory. Swabs taken from McNulty's vehicle and a house he visited were sent to the laboratory near Sevenoaks. Kent, where equipment was contaminated with RDX, a component of Semtex. The tests on McNulty's swabs showed minute traces of RDX. He is currently in Whitemoor jail, serving 25 years.

Vigilante killing

A vigilante gang wielding sticks and baseball bats beat a suspected drugs dealer to death in the Kilmainham area of inner-city Dublin. Fifteen men attacked the victim and a friend at 9.30pm on Tuesday night. The victim, who was named as Josie Dwyer, 41. died in hospital.

New lease of life

Lisa Leeson, whose husband brought down Barings. started work at Gatwick yesterday as a stewardess for Virgin Atlantic Airways. Nick Leeson is serving six years in Singapore for fraud. Mrs Leeson, 27, will qualify for cutprice flights after six months in the job.

Help for victims

Legislation to stop sex offenders collecting and using the statements of victims as pornography is to be introduced by the Government, Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, announced yesterday. The statements would be controlled whether the defendents were in prison or on bail.

BBC talked to OJ

The BBC has admitted that the Panorama reporter Martin Bashir had flown to the United States to discuss a television interview with the former American football star O.J. Simpson. Simpson was said to be impressed with Bashir's interview with the Princess of Wales.

Lottery mania

Britain's jobless spend £4 million every week on the National Lottery, a new survey of the unemployed claims today. The survey, by Jobsearch UK, says 70 per cent of jobless buy a lottery ticket most weeks. On average, they spend £2.60 a week - £4 in Wales and £1.50 in London and the South East.

Baby inquest

The newborn baby found dead in a freezer at the London home of Emma Gifford, daughter of the former head of the Rank Organisation, may have died from neglect, Westminster Coroner's Court was told. The exact cause of death was not yet known. The hearing was adjourned.

Censor criticised

A cross-party group of more than 200 MPs, led by David Alton. Liberal Democrat, called yesterday for the resignation of James Ferman, the chief film censor, and threatened legal action over his decision to allow the video release of Oliver Stone's film, Natural Born Killers.

Record tipple

A wine lover spent El48,500 on seven bottles of burgundy, five times the price they were expected to fetch, at Sotheby's. The collection of methuselahs of the Domaine de la Romanée-Conti's 1985 vintage, became the most expensive single lot ever sold at a

which the United Kingdom tious project, full of promises." he said. The promise to makes its voice heard." lations, the expansion of Nato Earlier, after talks with Mr Britain left out, page 15 improve the workings of the and the European Union. Photograph, page 24 Bosnia, the EU inter-governsingle market. The promise of Major, he expressed under-Just in tıme ...to Stop you buying a notebook with a mere VGA screen

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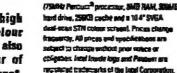
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son, one of Mr Blair's closest allies. But The Times understands that determined efforts have been made this week to bring about a reconciliation between the two. In his toughest statement yet on public spending, the Shadow Chancellor insist-ed that Labour would spend no more than

Labour unveils youth training scheme the amount yielded by the one-off windfall tax on privatised utilities, estimated to be between & billion and E3 billion, which

Brown puts £3m cap on spending as

would be spread over three years. The utilities tax would be spent solely on the two packages outlined yesterday to help the young unemployed and un-skilled. They will cost £1.5 billion in the first year and £500 million in successive years. Mr Brown said that any extra plans would have to be paid for out of

Labour will replace the Youth Training Scheme with a new programme, Target 2000, under which all young people would be required to reach a certain level of literacy, numeracy and information technology skills, equivalent to five GCSEs, by the time they were 18.

Employers will be required to give oungsters who have not reached this level six hours off a week to study. The scheme, which will be co-ordinated by Further Education Colleges and Training

and Enterprise Councils, will be funded by the £550 million saved from abolishing the current scheme.

Jobless youngsters will also be encouraged to become "crime busters" by joining Labour's environmental task force. Youngsters will get £20 on top of benefit to help to prevent crime and clear up graffiti.

Mr Blair put the price of youth unemployment, crime and social decay at £10 billion, or 5p on the standard rate of income tax. Britain will only regain its standing in the world if we harness the talents of our young people," he said. There is a lost generation who have been hurt by the Tories and who are hurting

Gillian Shephard, the Education and Employment Secretary, said the package was "muddled, untargeted and takes us straight back to the dependency culture which they have always favoured".

Brown heals rift, page 10



ager. John volunteered. When the young Jacques Chirac arrived he wore the baggy plusfours of the age. trousers tucked into socks. Mr King wore shorts and only graduated into long trousers a

year later. my parents - my mother. Doris, is still alive at 87 and lives in Bath. I have equally fond memories of his parents who were extremely kind to me and went to a lot of trouble to introduce me to the French

way of life." guage but the tension this caused on the first exchange

first it was very difficult. Jacques's English was very poor, as was my French. We the table at meal-times.

always desperate to win at Monopoly, as was i. "He went through a lot of hard times before he became President and overcame them

showing typical courage."

Mr King said that his newfound friend has insisted that the pair keep in touch from now on. The President had issued an open invitation to Mr King to see him at the

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from church funds BY KATE ALDERSON

A VICAR and his churchwarden stole £7,275 and funnelled it into a secret bank account, a

court was told yesterday. They applied for money from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Fund after the Rev Ste-phen Ashton reported several incidents of vandalism and theft. "Cheques were sent to the church. Some went into the proper bank account some unfortunately did not," said O'Brien, for the

The alleged fiddle was dis-covered after Mr Ashton, 41, and Cameron Luke, 26, left the church, St Wilfrid and St Anne, in Newton Heath, Manchester. The two men, who now live in Heiston, Cornwall, are accused of stealing three separate insurance payouts for vandalism and theft made to St Wilfrid's between April 1991 and April 1992, where Mr Ashton had

the charges at Manchester Crown Court. Mr O'Brien said the Church of England's insurers had made payments, some of which were put in the official church account, but payments for £3,245.98, £3,000 and £1,030 went to the secret account set up by Mr Ashton

been priest-in-charge. They

and Mr Luke at another bank. Mr Ashton was appointed to St Wilfrid's in Feruary 1989 while Mr Luke worked as the



Vicar accused of

stealing £7,000

Ashton: left Manchester for Cornwall in 1992

church organist. Mr Luke was elected as churchwarden in

"Mr Ashton was responsible for the financial management of the church." the court was told. "He was also in charge of the administrative affairs of the church and

parochial church council." The existence of the unofficial church account was discovered after Mr Ashton resigned to become vicar of Breage with Germoe, near Helston, in 1992. Mr Luke accompanied the vicar to his new posting in Cornwall. Eight months later, Father

Newton Heath. After investigating the church's accounts he became suspicious and called in a diocesan financial officer. "He had certain suspicions relating to the financial affairs of the church while Ashton had been there," Mr O'Brien said

It was discovered that a bank account, "St Wilfrid's 1990 Account", had been opened in January 1990 and had two signatories, Mr Luke and Mr Ashton. More than £13.000 had been paid into the account and withdrawn.

That account was never declared to the parochial church council or indeed to anyone else." said Mr O'Brien. "It was closed when the two men left the parish and before they went to Cornwall.

"Mr Ashton had made various reports of theft and damage to the Church and made various insurance claims from the Ecclesiastical Insurance Group." Father Dobson contacted the insurance company and discovered that insurance payments did not tally with money deposited in the official church bank accounts. He called in the police and Mr Luke and Mr Ashton voluntarily attended a police station in Manchester in March 1995. They were arrested and interviewed. Both defendants denied any theft or any

dishonesty, the court was told.





Policewoman transformed into frail pensioner brought down subway mugger with rugby tackle

By A STAFF REPORTER

A MUGGER received a shock when the "pensioner" he was trying to rob of her handbag rugby-tackled him and held him in an armlock. Despite the hunched frame, wrinkled face and grey hair, the victim was a policewoman.

Yesterday a judge praised WPC Lesley Price, 26. a rugby player and former beautician. "Her behaviour was in the best traditions of the police force." he said as she listened from the public gallery at Knutsford Crown Court. Cheshire. "The operation has resulted in removing two dangerous and utterly cynical men from society." Stephen McCarthy, 25, of Maccieswere caught during the two-week Operation Maggot, involving ten officers, after attacks on pensioners in the town. McCarthy was found guilty of attempted robbery yesterday and remanded in custody for sentencing tomorrow. Pownall is serving nine ears for burglaries and robberies.

including the one on WPC Price. She aged herself with make-up. cotton wool pads inside her mouth, a wig and clothes from charity shops. She said after the case: "It was hard walking slow and hunched over all day but I had to keep in character. Even my

close friends didn't recognise me. "I had watched these two men following me and knew who they were.

field, and his partner Lee Pownall, 25. I was walking down into an underpass able to follow the second man and and saw them waiting at the entrance. I was so scared. I just wanted to run, but I had to carry on walking very slow. I was really staring danger in the face. I carried on looking down at the floor and they grabbed my handbag and pulled it, bruising my arm.

"As one ran off with the bag I jumped on the other one and pushed him against some railings and put him in an arm-lock. He was so shocked he didn't know what to say. I was just relieved it was all over.

"We had seen a similar operation

done. Other members of the team were

arrest him near by. I radioed through to say where he was going. He looked back and stopped. I bet he couldn't believe that this old woman had jumped on his friend." WPC Price. who plays for Macclesfield women's rugby team, said: "It

could have been my gran or my nan. Old ladies who have suffered attacks like that have ended up in hospital with the injuries. I only had a bruised arm and pulled a muscle in my shoulder. I hate to think what could have

Detective Chief Inspector Neil Booth carried out by the Met and they had some good results. We had a spate of said: "It was the very brave action by incidents and something needed to be Lesley and hard work by the whole team that resulted in the arrests.

Dismissed graduate wins cash handout

BY EMMA WILKINS

A MUSIC graduate who endured four months of sexual harassment from her boss was awarded £7,000 compensation yesterday. Jemima Bayly, 20, was repeatedly insulted and pinned against the filing cabinet in her office by James Brogan, 38, an industrial tri-

Miss Bayly, a graduate of City University in London. started as a personal assistant at Mr Brogan's scaffolding firm in Southgate, north London, last June. Four months later she was sacked from her £18,000-a-year job. She was awarded £3,000 for

sexual discrimination and

£4.048 for loss of earnings by the London tribunal. Mr Brogan, who is married, did not attend the hearing. Miss Bayly, from Hornsey, north London, said Mr Brogan asked her out twice a week. On one occasion when she declined, he emptied a bin at her feet and ordered her to pick up the rubbish. While she was using a fax machine, Mr Brogan knelt on the floor next

to her. Miss Bayly said: "He said he was trying to see if I wore stockings or tights." After she was dismissed, Mr Brogan spent the following day sitting in his car outside her flat. She said: "I was trapped inside my house the whole day. The only way I could get some freedom was to meet him and tell him to go away. He said I hadn't fulfilled my role and said I had to

have a more personal relation-

Lahore's golden couple herald a happy event

BY EMMA WILKINS

IMRAN Khan and his wife Jemima are expecting their first child, the couple announced yesterday. Mrs Khan, 22, daughter of Sir James and Lady Annabel Goldsmith, is due to give birth in November at a hospital in

"My daughter is expecting a

baby and we are all absolutely

thrilled. It's wonderful news," Lady Annabel said from the family home in Richmond upon Thames. The couple, who are based in Lahore, decided that the child should be born at St Thomas's Hospital in Lambeth, so that Lady Annabel could be on hand to offer support. The child will have dual Pakistani and British

nationality and will be a

Muslim, a family spokesman



Pakistan cricket captain who now leads a political movement in his home country, is due to fly to London tomorrow

to visit his in-laws. His wife, who is already in Richmond staying with her mother, will return with her husband to Pakistan but is expected to commute to

London regularly for medical The couple, who were married in June last year at Richmond Register Office, were devastated last month when a bomb exploded at Mr Khan's cancer hospital in

The blast, which killed six

people, was interpreted as an

attempt to assassinate Mr

Khan because he was due to

Lahore.

be in the outpatients' ward when the bomb exploded. After the bombing, Mr Khan said he was considering hiring a bodyguard for his wife. Acknowledging that the repeated death threats made against him were difficult for his wife to cope with, Mr Khan said: "It is tough for her but I

not a target here. There is not reason why she should be made a target."

Mrs Khan, who has endured speculation that she is pregnant ever since her marriage, said recently that she approved of the way Pakistani

people brought up their

think she will be OK. She is

plined. They're just a pleasure to be around," she said. Jemima Khan: baby

"There's something about the extended family system which means that children are stable and loved, yet disci-

Blackbird chorus spreads alarm among car owners

By Paul WILKINSON THE concerted wail of car alarms might make people think that the quiet market town of Guisborough is a Mecca for vehicle thieves, but it is just the local dawn chorus limbering up for another day. The North Yorkshire town

is beset by blackbirds which have taken to imitating anti-

theft devices. The musical

dexterity of Turdus merula is proving a serious problem for locals, who are regularly jolied from their sleep by the sound. The town is sometimes a target for criminals from less affluent areas of Teesside close by, but when the owners rush out to confront the thieves they often find a blackbird in mid-song. Don-

When I first heard it i thought I had set off my own alarm. It took a while before I realised it was this blackbird. "It had the tone and pitch just right. The sound of car

oild O'Shea, a barman, said:



The blackbird: mimics tone of car alarms alarms is hardly rare in

Guisborough, but now even

the birds have joined in, we'll all be driven crackers." The phenomenon was first discovered by Mark Topping. 32, a local radio reporter. He said: "At five every morning I heard this irritating noise outside. It seemed to be a car alarm, but there wasn't one close enough. Then I saw this blackbird sitting right outside the bedroom window. After

that I began to realise other birds had picked it up." Chris Mead, of the British Trust for Ornithology, said: "At least half our native bird species are capable of mimicry. Most people have heard ed more females.

starlings wolf whistle, and about 15 years ago song thrushes were imitating the warble of trimphones."

David Hirst, of the RSPB.

said: "Starlings are normally

the Rory Bremners of the bird

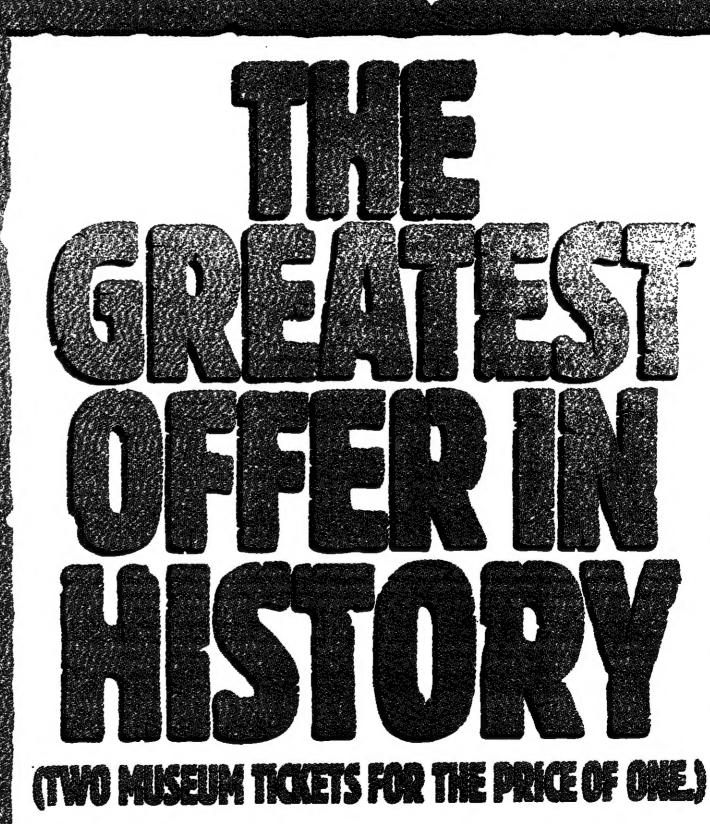
world, but this blackbird has it to a T. One bird often passes its song on to a neighbour, so it may become a lot more Cleveland police said: "Blackbirds cannot be picking up the noise because a lot

of cars are being pinched. Car

crime in Cleveland for the

first quarter of this year is

down by 25 per cent." ☐ Great reed warblers with the best voices will have young that live longer, according to research by three Swedish ecologists. It suggests that the females, by picking the best singers, choose the males best-fitted to ensure the longevity of their offspring. The research also showed that the males with the greatest variation in their warbling attract-

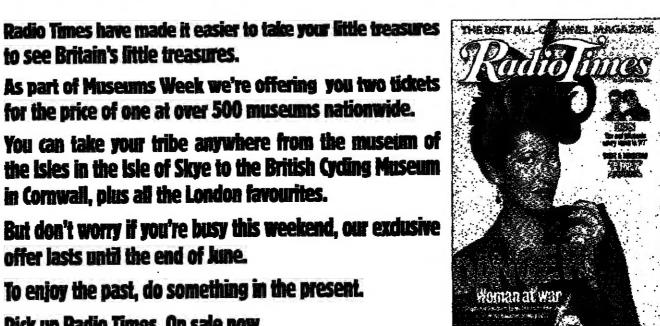


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Job reprieve for champion of fight against house fraud

By IAN MURRAY AND CAROL MIDGLEY

EARLY yesterday a champion of the fight against housing fraud in local government learnt that an attempt by 18 members of Hackney council to dismiss him as director of housing had failed on a technicality.

A motion calling for the dismissal of Bernard Crofton was not allowed because crup.

was not allowed because councillors cannot dismiss senior officers. His future will now be the subject of a report by the chief executive.

Ironically, the closed meet-ing ended just a few hours before a Social Security Com-mittee report hailed him as an "outstanding public servant" for cracking local housing benefit fraud. It said that Mr Crofton had been an inspiration and applauded his determination and courage.

Mr Crofton, 50, took over the most daunting task in local government housing when he accepted the £70,000-a-year post at Hackney in 1990. Since then he has been praised for driving out crime in Hack-ney's chaotic housing depart-ment, eradicating squatting, increasing rent collection to almost 100 per cent and succeeding in having a dozen blocks

But he has also been accused of misconduct, racism



Crofton: found evidence of organised crime

and lying. A 468-page report commissioned by the council and written by Ian Macdonald, QC. concluded that Mr Crofton was a liar who fostered an atmosphere in which black employees were subjected to a witch hunt. It accuses him of fraudulently claiming that there was a conspiracy to dismiss him in order to win

back his job. Mr Crofton first found himself accused of racism when he checked the housing register against the council's own staff list and found African names showing people who were both drawing benefit and being paid. He also found evidence that keys to empty

council properties were being sold for anything up to £3,000. "Council officers were almost certainly involved

because they knew which properties were empty," he said. He tried to sort the matter out through the coun-cil's own internal procedures but when this got nowhere he decided in mid-1991 to report his findings to councillors, only to be met with scepticism. Although he received some verbal threats and his car was once vandalised, he said he continued to get on well with his staff. "It is just not true that the black staff were

hostile to me." In 1994, however, he was reported for racism after a dispute with the council personnel director. A year and II days after being suspended, he was cleared and went back to

work last October. He believes the Commons committee's estimate of £2 billion being lost to fraud is well below the mark. His experience at Hackney indicates that organised crime is

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"I found that although we were losing money through inefficiencies we were also losing it because people were stealing it," he said. "There are landlords who have a property with only four flats and who send along up to 30 to claim benefit. They pay the people a small amount and



Simon Lane, head of Brent's special investigations unit, with colleagues Saiqa Butt and Selwyn Johnson

Investigators face daily violence and threats

HOUSING benefit fraud cost the taxpayer an estimated £20 million last year in the London borough of Brent alone.

The council's response was to assign 12 officers in its spe-cial investigations unit to tackle the growing crime. This week they were looking at landlords claiming benefit for tenants who had moved on or simply never existed. Corrupt landlords account for about a third of housing benefit fraud

tors, who make regular earlymorning checks on proper-ties, violence and ties, violence and intimidation are a daily hazard. Last year they identified fraud worth £28 million.

Selwyn Johnson, 40, joined the unit after serving 16 years with the Metropolitan Police. "We are dealing with disbonest and often very violent people who are frequently involved in other crimes. We are increasingly entering properties where drugs are on display and weapons are routinely kept." he said. On one

occasion Mr Johnson re-ceived a death threat, deliv-ered by courier, after he gave evidence against a landlord later jailed for three years for fraud. Once when questioning a claimant, he noticed a

and a bayonet taped to a bed. In Brent, asylum-seekers from Africa and Croatia are a source of worry. Corrupt landlords are known to collect them in vans from airports, put them in tiny rooms containing nothing but a mattress on the floor and take £55

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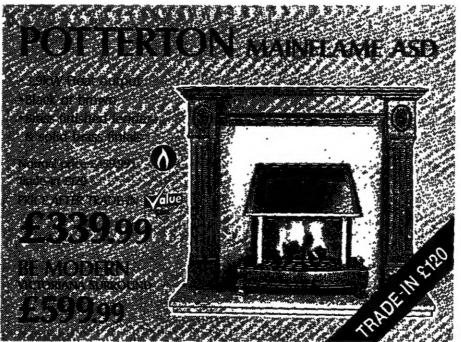
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cheques begin arriving the refugees are evicted.

Mr Johnson's colleague Saiqa Butt. 30. a barrister, is also used to death threats. In one investigation an irate claimant arrived demanding to see her. It took seven police officers to restrain the man who, it later emerged, had 20 convictions for violence.

Simon Lane, 31, head of the unit, expects violence to get worse. "Now we are targeting organised crime the stakes are going to get higher."





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The new card to be issued to all benefit claimant Landlords cheat benefit system

out of £2bn a year By Dominic Kennedy, social affairs correspondent

A CRIMINAL conspiracy by landlords to cheat the social security budget of £2 billion a year was exposed yesterday in one of the most damning

reports into the benefit system. The National Insurance numbers of the living and dead are being hijacked to claim housing benefit for fictitious tenants at non-existent properties, according to a report by the Commons Social Security Committee. When investigators try to crack the fraud rings, they are threatened with baseball bats, drug needles and knives. Anti-fraud officers are convinced it is only a matter of time before somebody is killed.

Anyone can create an agency to let flats, a system described by the London Boroughs Fraud Investigators Group as "the Wild West approach to the letting of private rented accommodation". Many of the landlords are suspected of being dangerous criminals linked to drugs and money-laundering. Even when they are caught, few are taken to court.

There is little to deter landlord fraudsters. Merely to have the fraudulent benefit withdrawn is hardly a punishment," the report says. In-stead, they should be confronted by a new Social Security Fraud Squad with powers to trawl confidential records, the MPs say.
"We believe that the popula-

tion as a whole should be recruited by the Government to help ensure that the National Insurance number system is secure," the report states. Annual statements should be sent to the holders of National Insurance numbers so that people can tell if an impostor is "piggybacking" — using their number to claim benefit.

Peter Lilley, the Social Security Secretary, said yesterday that plastic payment cards would be issued to all 19 million benefit claimants instead of allowance books or giros. which can be stolen or forged.

A favourite technique of the fraudsters is to create a tenancy in which housing benefit is paid directly to a bank or building society. They then get the Post Office to redirect mail from the false address to their real location so they can reply to review forms and correspondence. Cheques can be redirected as far as Cyprus.

At one address, where benefit was being claimed for 21 rooms, only nine were occupied, the rest each contained a sheet and a shirt, plus masses of documentation on up to 37 linked identities. The vast majority of these identities also related to asylum applications and current National Insurance numbers," the London Boroughs Fraud Investigators Group said.

"Perhaps the most serious problem concerns the culture that tolerates a certain level of fraud and appears resistant to attempts to tackle it," the MPs say. Many council officials are so frightened of being labelled a racist or a grass that they keep their heads down and tolerate fraud.

The all-party committee of backbenchers began hearing evidence about housing benefit in December after becoming worried that its cost had doubled in live years to £10 billion. The benefit is administered by local authorities but most of the money comes from central government People on income support have all their rent paid. Others are entitled to help, depending on a means test.

The average has doubled from £21 a week in 1989 to £47 in 1994. The biggest rises have been in London, where the borough of Hillingdon recorded a 320 per cent growth.

SIGN ON FOR A FORTUNE

One signature can secure up to 60 weeks' Housing Benefit, according to the Local Authority Investigation Officers Group. There are at least 66 ways to cheat. They include: landlords inventing a lictitious tenant tenants inventing a fictitious landlord: landlords claiming for a tenant who has left; landlords claiming for empty proper-

number of properties and getting relatives posing as tenants to move in and out so quickly they cannot be traced: claimants using multiple identifies and addresses homeowners pretending to be tenants in their own homes: landlords and tenants overstating the rent payable and splitting the proceeds.

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Joy and despair for families as one crisis draws to a close but another appears to deepen

Rescued hostages sympathise with kidnappers' aims

RELATIONS were astonishingly close between the four Britons rescued yesterday and the kidnappers who had held them since January in the remote Indonesian jungle province of Irian Jaya, it was

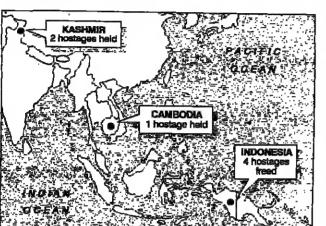
Susan McIvor, daughter Anna, 21, was among those released in the dawn raid by Indonesian special forces on a remote mountainside camp deep in the rain forest, said: "They have enormous sympathy with the people who took them prisoner, we all do; the guerrillas should have a homeland of their own." The Britons supported the separatists' cause before they were abducted and so did their families. she added.

She said that she and her husband Malcolm were absolutely delighted that Anna and her three fellow Cambridge graduates were safe, but added: "We are worried about the two Indonesian hostages still

As neighbours delivered congratulatory cards to her home in Bournemouth. Mrs an adventurous person with a

The letters - forwarded by the Red Cross - had helped all the families through some "very bad" moments. "But I always felt they would come back. They had a lot to give and it was not time for them to go yet," Mrs McIvor said.

Daniel Start, 22, William



Oates, 22, Annette van der Kolk, 21, and Ms McIvor were taken hostage by the separatist Free Papua Movement (OPM) on January 8, while studying a planned nature reserve. The guerrillas said they were holding the young scientists to draw internation-

McIvor explained how letters from her daughter helped the family to deal with their anxiety. "She said she was OK and the tone was never pessimistic. She still came across as lot of inner resources."

with the news. We are all looking forward to seeing Bill and the others soon. We are extremely grateful to the staff at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and all the other people who have worked so hard to secure their release."

Carolyn Miller, Mr Start's mother, said it was an "understatement" to describe her response to her son's release as delight. We had some contact some weeks ago when the Red Cross was still looking after them, so we knew that were well and coping with it. But then a few days ago they were taken away back into the forest and negoti-

al attention to their indepen-

dence struggle for the area, 2,500 miles northeast of the

Mr Oates's brother Tom

delighted. We knew before

that they could be released,

and we did not want to get our

hopes up too much until we

Mr Oates's parents, from

Jedburgh, in the Scottish Bor-

ders, released a statement

saying: "Richard and Marion and all the family are thrilled

had the facts in front of us."

"We are absolutely

Indonesian capital, Jakarta.



Annette van der Kolk, third left, William Oates and Anna McIvor, fifth and sixth right, and Daniel Start, far right, were held in the remote jungle in Irian Jaya, below, after their capture by separatists in January

eign Office had told her that all four were safe and well. They are still in the forest because of the weather and they are in the care of the

Indonesian Army now."

Ms van der Kolk's mother Jill said: "I can barely believe this wonderful news. It won't be until I have spoken to her on the phone that I can satisfy myself she is safe and well. Now I am just on tenterhooks, waiting to hear Annette's voice. The first thing I will ask her is what food she wants me to get in for when she finally comes home.

"We had a belief in Annette's strength of mind and body through this ordeal. Being in a group of people she knew well helped because they had a network of support."

Expert negotiators from Scotland Yard had flown to Irian Jaya and played a vital role in gaining the hostages' release. Jeremy Hanley, a Foreign Office minister, said. They are regarded as the world experts in the issues of ations broke down, so then we how to deal with hostage-

takers." Under Commander ments. Mr Ramm was re-Roy Ramm of the Internationsponsible for helping to secure al and Serious Crimes Branch, the release in April last year of SOI, Scotland Yard has estabsix hostages who were kidlished a reputation for expernapped by guerrillas in Sierra

after they were taken hostage by Bosnian Serbs last The Indonesian

forces which mounted the Leone. He was also credited rescue are rated the third best with securing the release of in the world after the SAS and

American wins right to salvage Lusitania

By Nicholas Watt IRELAND CORRESPONDENT

AN AMERICAN millionaire is preparing to salvage the Lusitania, which was torpe-doed off the Irish coast in 1915 with a cargo that may have included a valuable collection of paintings and gold bullion worth millions of pounds.

Gregg Bemis Jnr., of Santa Fe, New Mexico, will send a diving team to the wreck of the Lusitania after a judge in the Irish High Court ruled that he was the sole owner of the wreck. The declaration by Mr Justice Barr on Tuesday followed similar rulings by British and American courts.

The expedition could finally solve the mystery of the Lusitania, which sank in 300ft of water 11 miles of the Old Head of Kinsale, Co Cork, in 1915 after she was struck by a Uboat. Of the 1,959 passengers on board the Cunard liner, sailing from New York to Liverpool, 1,200 drowned.

The victims included Sir Hugh Lane, the Irish art collector, who was returning home from New York with a collection of paintings rumoured to include works by Titian, Monet and Rubens. There are hopes that the paintings may have been pre-served in lead cylinders. There are also rumours that

gold bullion was aboard. None was mentioned in the manifest, but omissions were common during wartime. The German authorities

claimed that ship the was carrying a secret cargo of explosives that was detonated by a single torpedo. Mr Bemis hopes that the

salvage expedition will give a clear idea of the munitions on board. He told the High Court on Tuesday that a British Treasury solicitor admitted that the ship carried a cargo owned by the Ministry of Munitions

Mr Justice Barr adjourned a hearing into Mr Bemis's claim to the ownership of the cargo. Mr Bemis is currently appeal-ing against a decision by a US court which rejected his claim to ownership of the cargo. He was granted ownership of the wreck last year in America. His claim to the ship dates back to a mortgage transac-

ficking for foreign govern-Fears grow for two Britons held by separatists in Himalayas

FROM CHRISTOPHER THOMAS IN DELHI

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BRITISH officials are investigating reports that four Western hostages, including two Britons, have been killed by the Kashmiri Muslim separatists who kidnapped them.

Indian sources said last night that the last reported sighting of the men was in layan foothills. The British High Commission in Delhi said it was working on the basis that "the hostages are very much alive. We continue to work flat out for their

The United States Embassy said it had heard the reports of possible killings but "we have heard such reports before". It called on Al Faran, the kidnap evidence that the men were alive and safe. Keith Mangan, 34, Paul

Wells, 24, and an American and a German were seized nearly a year ago while trekking in the Kashmir mountains. A Norwegian who was also seized was found beheaded last August. India has rejected Al Faran's demands for the release of Kashmiri

for the hostages' freedom. The last proof that they were alive was in August; reported sightings by Kashmiri villagers in the mountains are regarded as unreliable.

We are looking into this very closely and urgently with the indian authorities," the Foreign Office said in London. There are often rumours from the area and many are

reason to think this one was any different. The families of the British hostages had been told of the latest rumours.

tise in investigating murders,

kidnappings and drug traf-

Al Faran says it handed over the men to the Indian Army in December, a claim that the army denies. If they are alive, the hostages are plainly in grave danger, given India's continuing refusal to accede to Al Faran's demands.

had pinpointed the hostage site at about 7,000 feet and had pulled out of the area to prevent a possible gun battle in which the Westerners might

be killed. Indian security agencies received several reports of sightings of the abductors and their prisoners between November and April.

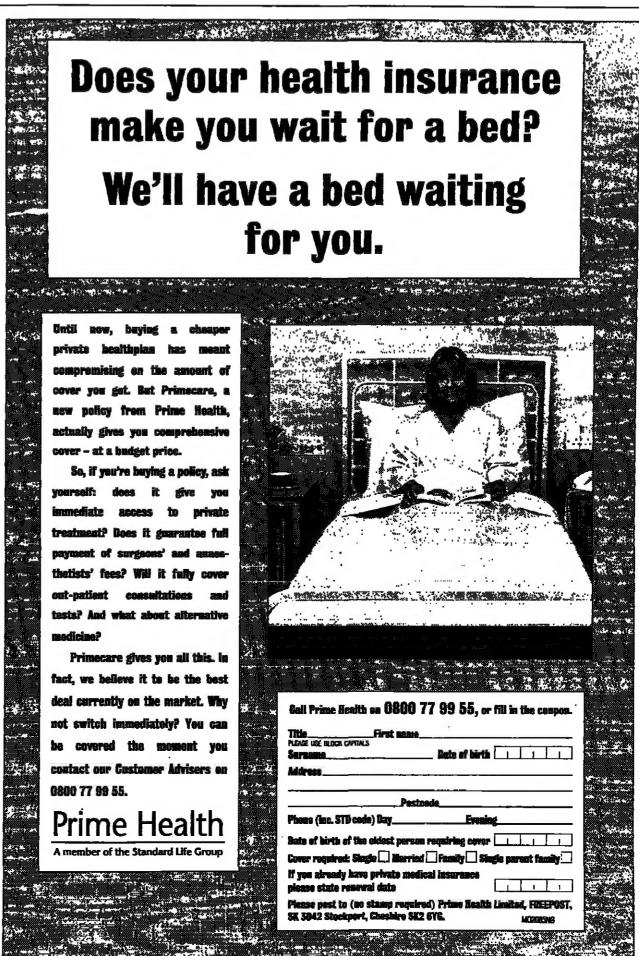
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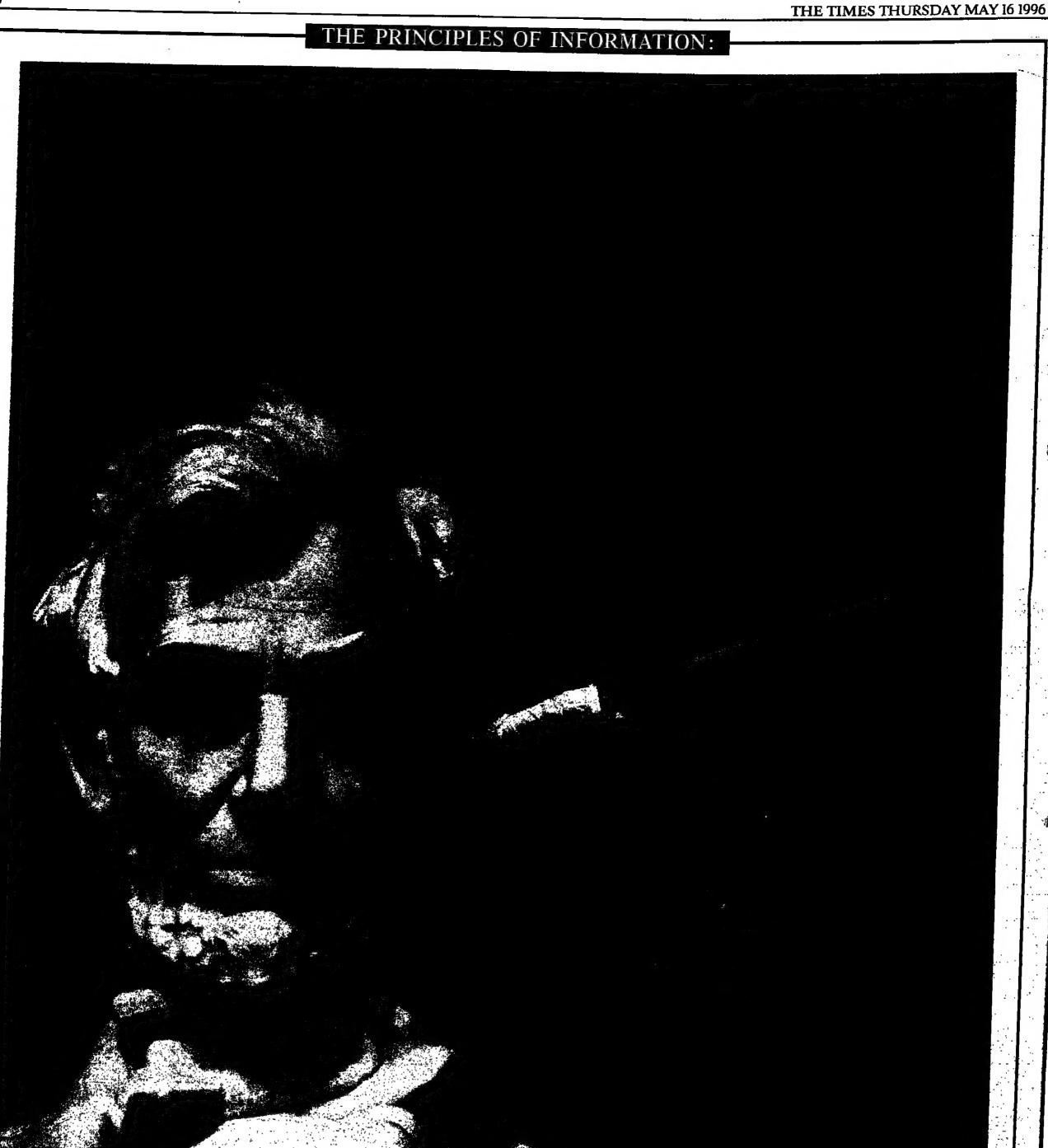
ducted into a number of rumours that they were dead "but we have no concrete information". In London the officials were

pessimistic about the hostages. They said the latest reports that the men had been killed were "worrying". Officials said the reports had to be taken seriously as they came from a source that



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Survivor's tale tells of courage in cruel sea

By JOHN VINCENT

AN EYEWITNESS account of endurance among the survivors of a British shipwreck has surfaced at a London All 44 crewmen of the Trevessa took to two lifeboats

and drifted for 23 days after only a few hundred pounds. their ship went down in the Indian Ocean 73 years ago. They were given up as lost but the captain, Cecil Foster, became a national hero after he navigated 2,000 miles to Mauritius with the loss of only II crew from thirst, starvation

A written account of the

by an anonymous survivor who sent it to Captain Foster's widow in South Glamorgan. She typed up the notes and the transcript is to be sold with other Trevessa memorabilia, although it is expected to fetch

The author of the account is unknown. He must, however, have been one of the men recorded in contemporary newspaper accounts that praised the heroism of the crew and compared Captain Foster to Captain Bligh who survived being cast adrift by mutineers on the Bounty.

All that is known about the

Captain Cecil Foster, left, with his wife and Chief Officer J.C. Stewart Smith. Right, the sailors who endured 23 days adrift in shark-infested seas after the Trevessa sank author is that he was English, well-educated, had done watch-keeping duties aboard

Chantal Davies of Phillips, which is offering the account during the International Festival of the Sea at Bristol on May 27, said yesterday: "The author took his secret to the grave and all these years later it adds a touch of mystery to an amazing story of courage."

the Trevessa and was among

survivors of the captain's

The Last Voyage of the Trevessa: by a Survivor tells how the 5,000-ton ship, carry-ing zinc, sank in mountainous

seas in June 1923 - nine days out of Fremantle, Australia, on the way to Durban, South Africa. All 44 men scrambled into two boats - 20 in the captain's boat and 24 in the other, led by the chief officer, J.C. Stewart Smith.

Without a compass, Captain Foster decided the two boats should head for Mauritius, with 18 gallons of water, 550 biscuits, two cases of condensed milk and a plentiful supply of tobacco.

At 8am one biscuit and a cigarette tin lid of condensed milk per man. 2.30pm in the heat of the day, a cigarette tin

one-third full of water per man. This far from quenched our thirst but was just sufficient to keep us alive. It took an hour to eat a morsel of biscuit, our mouths being that void of saliva that the biscuit after mastication was like dry flour and blew out of the mouth like dust.

"Several by the second week were drinking salt water and it was through this and exposure that the first death occurred on the tenth day out. A laskar (sic) fireman: it was a blessing when he died, for his delirious raving jarred on our nerves till we cursed him in his agony. We gloated over water worse than a miser over his gold, especially the last sip, for we all knew it was the last we should get for the next 24 hours. Tins were sucked dry.

"How we prayed for wind and rain but day after day no sign of it. Our hands and feet had begun to swell and several of us were breaking out in salt water boils. These became so sore that it was agony to lie, sit, crouch or do anything.

"Our weakness made us

very unsteady and we frequently trod on each other's feet and hands which used to

Only by obedience to the Captain's orders and by every man doing his bit so long as he was able to, could we ever expect to make land. We often

ing who would be next to go." On the 23rd day, land was sighted. It was Rodriguez Island, 350 miles east of Mauritius. "It was the most glorious sight I have ever seen." The writer, one of the weakest of the 17 survivors when they were finally helped ashore, praised Captain Foster, "Only us that were with him in the boat can realise the indomita-

looked at one another wonder-

SURVIVORS OF THE TREVESSA.

The Times account of the incident in 1923



A COLLECTION of books on cricket once owned by W.G. Grace went on show yesterday before auction on July 11 (John Shaw writes).

The library follows the development of cricket through a career which saw Grace become a national hero as captain of England and Gloucestershire. The books are expected to fetch more than £50,000 at Bearne's in Exeter. is i

The auction, by an anonymous seller, will include a rare complete set of bound Wisdens covering every year from the first edition in 1864 until 1915, the year of the cricketer's death. During his sporting career Grace scored 54,904 runs, hit 126 centuries. took 2,879 wickets and held 87!

Robin Barlow, deputy chairman of the firm, said: "Some of the books have pages that were turned down at the corner. Others have annotations at the side. They were books that were bought and enjoyed. This sale will give cricket lovers a chance to own some-

script written and signed by the composer sold for £496.500 at Sotheby's in London yesterday. The bid, from an anonymous buyer, beat the 1989 auction record of £390,000 for a piece of music by the composer. His Cantata No 2 was one of the last remaining Bach man-uscripts in private hands.

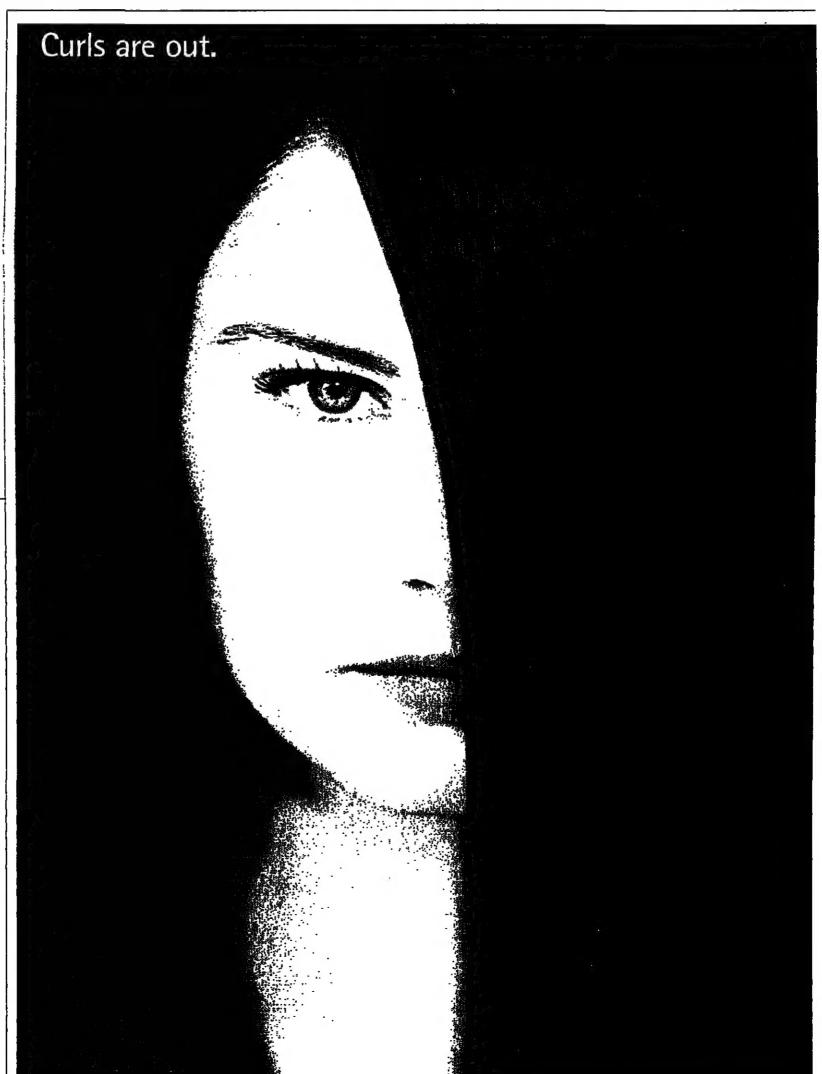
thing that passed through the great man's hands.

One of the volumes on sale is W.G.'s Little Book, in which he recalls that when he first played in 1866 there were no boundaries. In his W.G. Cricketing Reminiscences and Personal Recollections Grace writes: "I would sooner enter on a long day's leather hunting than write a single chapter

The writer Simon Rae, who is researching a Grace biography, described the collection as full of the most amazing

riches. There was great public affection for him," he said. "It comes out in small things. He would travel down from Paddington on the Bristol train virtually every week. But if he paused on the platform to have a conversation the train would wait until he had finished. That's the sort of man he was, probably what we would know as the first internationally renowned sports superstar. But still a gentleman."

Elgar was one of the collectors London of the composer's letters yesterday. After the sale Wulstan Atkins, 91, whose father, Sir Ivor Atkins, was one of Elgar's best friends. some of the 750 letters had abroad. The correspondence forms the Novello Archive of letters, written by Elgar to his publishers Novello. The collection had been offered to institutions in Britain before being offered for sale.



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Two men who shot dead a

father of three in front of his son were jailed for life yester-

day at Durham Crown Court.

Colin Moore, 23, and Ian Widdowson, 21, killed Joe Clarke in Wallsend, Tyne

and Wear, after he and his son Robert, 17, glanced at them because they were

Moore, of Newcastle upon Tyne, admitted murder five

days into the trial. Widdow

son, of North Shields, admit-

ted manslaughter but was

drunk and rowdy.

convicted of marder.

Heritage chief yields to Kenwood's defenders

BY RUSSELL JENKINS

CONSERVATION and care of Kenwood House and its priceless collection of Old Masters is to be improved after accusations that English Heritage is neglecting the 18th-century building on Hampstead Heath.

The move represents a climbdown by Sir Jocelyn Stevens, chairman of English Heritage, who dismissed a demand for a full-time curator by the building's patrons, the Friends of Kenwood, as the work of troublemakers with too much time on their hands.

Sir Jocelyn announced yesterday the appointment of a senior director with overall responsibility for museums, including the Iveagh bequest at Kenwood, to oversee the conservation and preservation of their collections. The Friends have also been given private assurances that one of four curators will be at Kenwood daily and on call at weekends. The collection includes works by Vermeer, Rembrandt, Turner and Gainsborough and a Robert

The victory for Kenwood's



Sir Jocelyn Stevens came under pressure from Glenda Jackson after he dismissed patrons' pleas

patrons follows pressure from Glenda Jackson, Labour MP for Hampstead and Highgate, who wrote to Virginia Bottomley, the Heritage Secretary, urging her to intervene in the dispute. George Levy, an antiques dealer and chairman of the Friends, said: "It would

seem that common sense has prevailed. We welcome English Heritage's decision. The dispute erupted last month when the Friends exmeeting that English Heritage was neglecting the display, care and study of one of Britain's foremost collections, which was bequeathed to the nation by Edward Cecil Guinness, the 1st Earl of Iveagh (1847-1927). His family

tion and care at Kenwood. The Friends urged the reinstatement of a full-time curator, but their plea was met with a typically robust re-

was said to be deeply upset by

the deterioration of conserva-

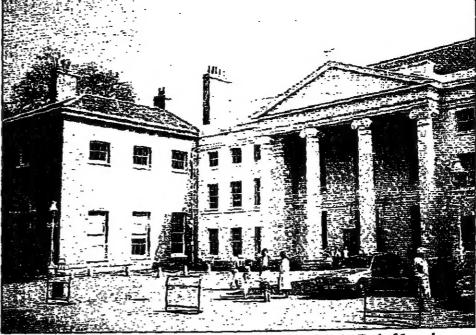
pointed out that Kenwood cost El million a year to run. He described the protesters as troublemakers and "people with plenty of spare time". He said: "The Friends are not behaving like friends. They are behaving in a very aggressive manner. We don't actually need the Friends if they're going to behave like this."

The outburst led to a demand from Sir Hugh Leggatt, a former commissioner for the Museums and Galleries Commission, for Mrs Bottomley to sack Sir Jocelyn.

Ms Jackson, who urged Mrs Bottomley to meet the patrons, said: "I am delighted by the announcement. This helps to secure the future of this important piece of British heritage for my constituents and everybody who has enjoyed its remarkable qualities

over the years."
English Heritage is anxious to present a united front as it celebrates the launch of Museums Week. The appointment of Julius Bryant as director of museums and collections in charge of its 14 curators coincides with the launch.

The organisation also an-



Kenwood House was bequeathed to the nation by the 1st Earl of Iveagh

nounced that it will examine a save three Victorian gasholdnumber of historical properties to see if they are suitable for Museums and Galleries Commission registration. They include Barton Humberside, Brodsworth Hall, Byland Abbey, Deal Castle, Eltham Palace, Hailes Abbey, Lindis-farne Priory, Lullingstone Roman Villa, Maison Dieu, Rievaulx Abbey, St Augustine's Abbey, Tilbury and

Wrest Park ☐ English Heritage is peti-tioning the House of Lords to

ers near St Pancras station that face demolition to make way for the £3 billion Channel Tunnel rail link. It is demanding that the Grade 2 listed cylinders, which it regards as masterpieces of 19th-century industrial architecture, should be dismantled and reassemdemolished.

The 100ft-high holders were built in the 1860s by Imperial Gas and are widely admired for their intricate ironwork.

Each of the holders is circled

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RAF airlifts soldier attacked in disco

FROM EDWARD OWEN IN MADRID

A 26-YEAR-OLD soldier in the Territorial Army was critically ill in Gosport naval hospital in Hampshire yesterday after being flown home from Spain on an RAF VCIO

on a special mercy mission. Duane Gary Lockwood, from Leicester, had been on exercise in Gibraltar when he suffered a savage and apparently unprovoked attack in a disco. He had asked a girl for a dance when he was set upon by men armed with bottles.

He was rushed to hospital in Gibraltar, but his injuries were so grave that he was taken by ambulance to Cadiz. nearly 100 miles away. His VC10 from RAF Brize Norton full surgical team to Jerez airport, near Cadiz.

by Doric columns. Philip Davies, English Heritage's regional planner for London, said: "We accept that the gasholders have to be removed for the construction of the link but we believe that London & Continental Railways [the consortium building the link] should re-erect them afterwards on a suitable site, as close to their original position as possible."

He was flown back with his parents and taken to the hospital in Gosport. A spokesman for Gibraltar police said the force had launched a major investigation after the attack on Saturday: "We are treating this very seriously. We are searching for those involved, but so far no arrests

Death in Bosnia Private David J. Baird, from Sutton Coldfield, died after being accidentally crushed by a container in western Bosnia the peace implementa-tion force (Ifor) said. He was serving with the 21st Close Support Squadron of the Royal Logistic Corps.

Coach chokes

A tennis coach was found dead in his car after choking on a piece of chewing gum. Darren Toop. 22. of Christ-church, Dorset, was the youngest person in Britain to have completed the Lawn Tennis Association's coaching.

Suspect reburied

The remains of John Lrvine McInnes, exhumed by police in February in the hunt for Bible John, who murdered three Glasgow women, have been reburied. His family is threatening to sue Strath-clyde Police, accusing them of unprofessional conduct.

Dusty history

A pair of black silk socks worn by Napoleon on St Helena has been sold at Jeanette Ongaro, a consultent for a shoe museum in Toronto. Dust extracted when the socks were cleaned formed part of the lot.

Fireman dies

A fireman who fell from a fire engine on a 999 call has a call to a malicious car fire on Sunday. A fireman for 21 years, he was married with two children.

Pigeons stolen

from cages in a back garden the birds, discovered the theft when he went to give them a morning feed. The raiders icit six pigeons dead.

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Attenborough rekindles Hemingway's lost love

By Dalya Alberge, arts correspondent, in cannes

LORD Attenborough spoke passionately yesterday of his new £26.5 million film. In Love and War, about Ernest Hemingway's unrequited love for a nurse who looked after him when he was seriously wounded in the First World War.

Attenborough, speaking at the Cannes Film Festival, said that Hemingway never recovered from the rejection and the experience inspired the doomed love affair between Frederic Henry and Catherine Barkley in one of his greatest classics, A Farewell to Arms.

Attenborough said: "I don't think Hemingway ever got over it. He thought and believed he had found the leve of his life. Their relationship was very passionate and deep, the first time he'd ever experienced that." He explained that Hemingway later said that his other relationships were "no more than shadows".

"He became a much better writer by virtue of that pain," Attenborough said. "He probably understood human feelings more profoundly than if he had not experienced that." Hemingway, then 18 and a cub reporter on the Kansas

City Star, took himself off to the last stages of the First World War in Italy to slake his thirst for action. He volunteered as a Red Cross ambulance driver, was wounded in the legs, and taken to a military hospital where a 27year-old English-born nurse. Agnes von Kurowsky, treated

Hemingway still had the letters from Agnes, right, when he committed suicide in

1961. In one she wrote: "I am fond of you, but as a mother, not a sweetheart"

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him with a hot bath, a dose of castor oil and an eggnog. Romance blossomed, although to what degree of

intimacy remains uncertain. But Agnes had a deep and lasting effect on the American; when Hemingway's fourth marriage foundered in 1961. he shot himself. Agnes's letters from 42 years before were still in his possession. Agnes broke Hemingway's heart by telling him that she

sweetheart. I can't get away from the fact that you're just a kid." she wrote She never did marry her

hoped to marry an Italian count, Domenico Caracciolo.

"I am still fond of you, but it is

more as a mother than a

count. After nursing in Romaly before her death, Agnes showed no desire to talk about

> Villard's book Hemingway In Love And War. Villard, who subsequently became a US diplomat and who died earlier this year, aged 95, was a wounded American serviceman who found himself in the next room to Hemingway in

nia and Haiti, she was briefly and unhappily married to an American in Cuba and subsequently married, with lasting success, another American, Bill Stanfield. She died, aged 90 and childless, in 1984, and is buried in Arlington military cemetery outside Washington Attenborough, 72, who has appeared in or directed almost 60 films, including Oh What A Lovely War, Chaplin and Gandhi, said theirs was a gentle love affair set against

tion that these two people felt for each other," he said. Interviewed in the US short-

her relationship with Hemingway and swept it under the carpet. She was said to have disliked her characterisation in the novel. "I was not that kind of girl. It was just a flirtation. Nurses were forbidden to date patients." The film is based on Henry

the brutal background of the

war. "The tension and carnage

accentuated the depth of emo-

the Italian hospital. In an



Sandra Bullock in Cannes yesterday. She will play Agnes, Hemingway's lifelong love

interview shortly before his death, Villard said: "All the boys fell for Agnes, but a dinner date was about all they could hope for. Standards were pretty strict in those days. We were all very much virgins. She called her relationship with Hemingway a flirtation. He was desperately in love with her and wanted to

marry her. But when he fictionalised her in A Farewell To Arms, it was just a young writer's wishful thinking." Villard added that Agnes's letter declining marriage had been "a terrible kick in the teeth" to the young Ernest, for which he probably never forgave her. Agnes Von Kurowsky is played in Attenborough's film

by Sandra Bullock, who rose to fame in Speed and While You Were Sleeping. Chris O'Donnell, who played Robin in Batman Forever, will be the young Ernest Hemingway. He admitted that he was daunted by the thought of playing such a figure.

Archaeologist given £30,000 for uncovering lost city of the desert

By NIGEL HAWKES

A BRITISH archaeologist was yesterday awarded \$50,000 (£33,000) for exploring a lost city on the Great Silk Road. For 2,500 years, Mery, in the Kara Kum desert of what is now Turkmenistan, served as a staging post on the route linking East and West.
Since 1990, Dr Georgina
Herrmann, of University

College London Institute of Archaeology, has been organ-ising an international project to investigate and record a city once more renowned than Samarkand. She said in Geneva, where she received one of five Rolex Awards for enterprise: "It's wonderful. Trying to get money for a



project like this is very difficult."

Mery flourished from 500 BC to 1850, not one city but three built in succession alongside each other, time capsules containing a vast amount of information about technology and trade. Among discoveries so far is that cotton was cultivated 600 years earlier than thought and that steel was made there in the 9th century in a process similar to Sheffield's.

Dr Herrmann has collaborated with archaeologists from Turkmenistan and Russia in an undertaking she says involves enough work for many lifetimes.

"My Turkmen hosts and my team are mapping the cities, recording the monuments and conducting excavations to understand the occupation patterns, the agricultural economy and to trace the movement of goods along the Silk Road. Our goal is to secure World Heritage Status from Unesco."

Sergeant 'suffered four sex assaults'

By PAUL WILKINSON

A WOMAN police sergeant told a tribunal vesterday there was a "culture of sexual harassment" in the force where she worked. Sergeant Jane McGill said that during her 26-year career in the West Yorkshire force she had been the victim of four attacks that would have justified a charge of indecent assault.

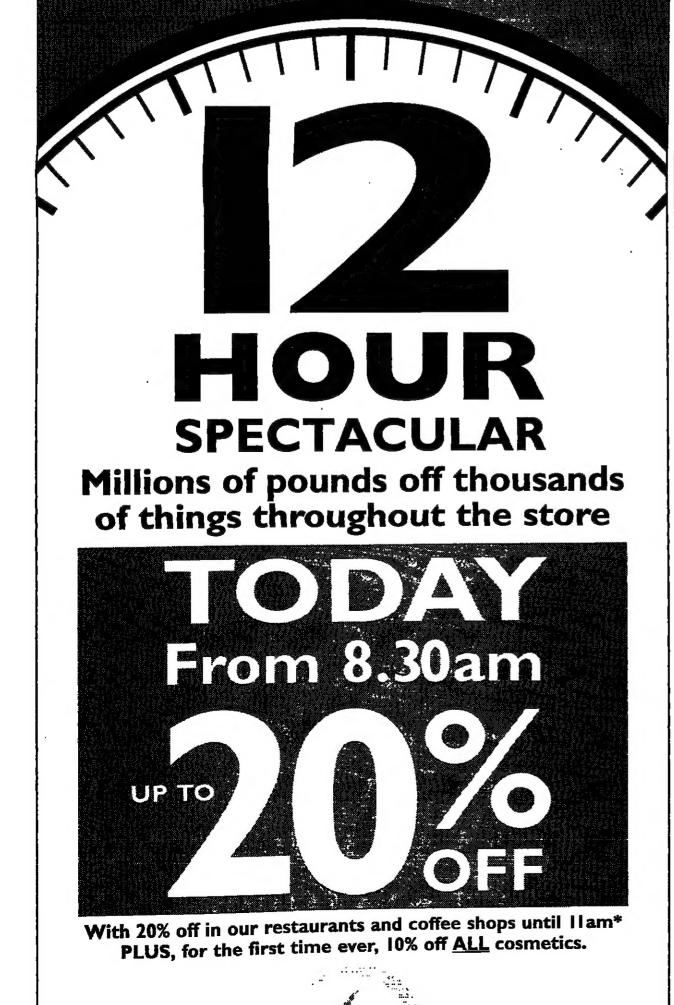
Sergeant McGill, the force training officer, said that in the past six years she had listened in confidence to about 30 claims from female colleagues of harassment by male officers. None of the women made a formal complaint to their superiors, she told an industrial tribunal in Leeds. One spoke to a grievance committee, introduced in 1991 to deal with claims of sexual harassment, but later asked it not to proceed.

The tribunal is considering a claim of sex discrimination brought by WPC Karen Wade against the force and PC Dean Mountain, 30, Sergeant Paul Fountain, 30, and Sergeant Ian Devey, 32. They all deny the claim. Miss Wade. 27, has been off work since last July, suffering from a condition brought on by the stress of allegedly regular harassment by her colleagues at the Holbeck station in Leeds.

Sergeant McGill, 43, wornen's representative for the West Yorkshire Police Federation, cried as she told the tribunal that she had never before disclosed details of harassment in the force. "I have been denied promotion on one occasion because of my sex and on another because of my marital status," she said. "I personally experienced inappropriate and sexist language with such frequency it would be difficult to put a number to it."

Earlier WPC Wade's mother Patricia told the hearing how her daughter's spirit had been broken by months of harassment. "The change was dramatic. She turned from a very confident girl to a troubled, unhappy one. She claimed she was being picked on constantly for being a lover of animals and a vegetarian. She would often cry before going to work."

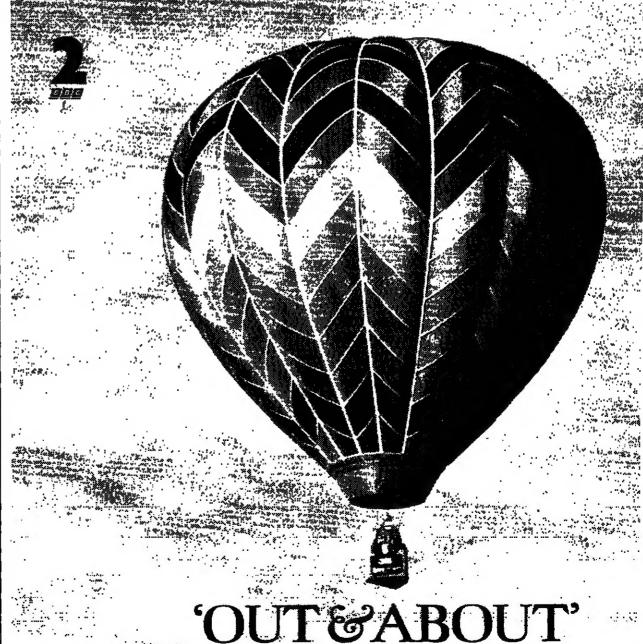
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Gardiner bid to oust him

THE right-wing Tory MP Sir George Gardiner tomorrow faces the first round of a reselection battie that could lead to a by-election that would threaten the Government's one-seat majority (Andrew Pierce writes).

The vote by the 30-strong executive commit-tee of Reigate Conservative Association is considered to be too close to call. Challenges to sitting Tory MPs are rare but Sir George faces a backlash from John Major's supporters on the committee who were appalled by his rebellion on the Maastricht treaty and his sup-

port for John Redwood. Conservative Central Office is dismayed because Sir George may step down if he loses. Although he has a 17,000 majority, the last thing the party wants now is a by election. If tomorrow's vote goes against him the matter will go before the association's full membership.

Brown signals end to frosty relations with Mandelson

By PHILIP WEBSTER, POLITICAL EDITOR

Peter Mandelson have resolved to put their differences behind them in an effort to avoid any further impression of difficulties at the top of Labour's election-planning command.

Encouraged by Tony Blair, a close friend of both of them. they have held two private meetings this week to discuss the problems caused by the disclosure of Shadow Cabinet worries about their poor personal relations.

The first clear signs of a rapprochement surfaced yesterday when Mr Brown lavished praise on Mr Mandelson as a "brilliant election strategist who has done a tremendous amount for the

Mr Blair and other members of the Shadow Cabinet have played important roles in bringing the two men, who were once the closest of friends but fell out during the party

GORDON BROWN and leadership election of 1994. closer together. He is understood to have spoken to them separately over the weekend and then had a meeting alone

with them on Monday.

The adverse publicity over the weekend after The Times disclosed their differences had already convinced both Mr Brown and Mr Mandelson that they must show the party that there was no longer any animosity between them. An informed source said: "Both of them felt they had not done enough to kill the rumours that they did not get on."

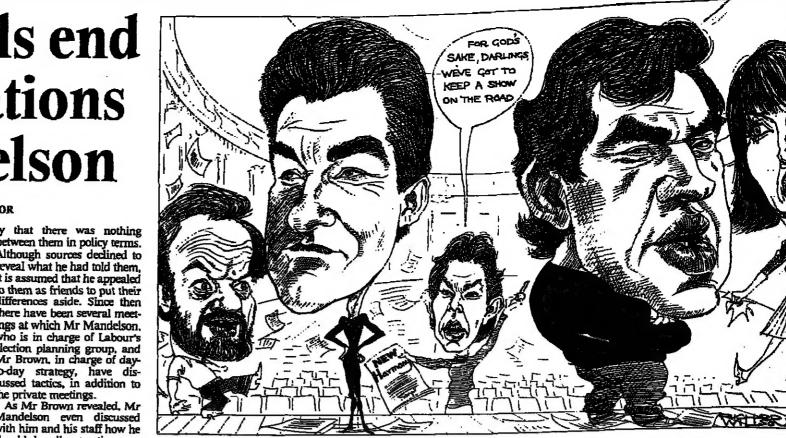
Mr Blair and other senior figures were known to be concerned that the coolness in their relations might pose an unnecessary problem for Labour's campaigning effort. The leader was anxious to kill any suggestions of a rift between two confidants at the heart of his campaign to modernise the party.

His message was apparent-

ly that there was nothing between them in policy terms. Although sources declined to reveal what he had told them, it is assumed that he appealed to them as friends to put their differences aside. Since then there have been several meetings at which Mr Mandelson. who is in charge of Labour's election planning group, and Mr Brown, in charge of dayto-day strategy, have dis-cussed tactics, in addition to the private meetings.

Mandelson even discussed with him and his staff how he should handle questions on their relationship in yesterday morning's interview on BBC Radio 4's Today programme. Mr Brown said: "We talk socially and we talk politically. Peter Mandelson and I work so closely on the election planning that we meet every day at 9 o'clock."

Friends of both men said that it would probably be



impossible for the relationship ever to be the same as it was before 1994 when Mr Brown, after much soul-searching, stood aside to allow Mr Blair to be the modernisers' candidate. He has always blamed Mr Mandelson for promoting Mr Blair's claims rather than staying neutral. However, they said it was clear that both

had decided that it was in the interests of the party to get on and be seen to get on.

Mr Blair was reported last night to be confident that the difficulties between the two had been dealt with, although as the policy process unfolds Mr Brown's insistence on tough choices will bring him into further conflict with some

members of the Shadow Cabinet Relations with Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary, have been damaged by the row over the alleged lack of consultation by Mr Brown on his proposals to remove child benefit for older children and over differences on the payment of unemployMr Mandelson, who takes a hard line on spending.,

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John Prescott, who has never had easy relations with Mr Brown, is also at odds with him over his plan to expand the role of the Treasury.

William Rees-Mogg, page 18 Leading article, page 19

ment benefit. Ironically, an Policies are the real source of Labour's strife

By JILL SHERMAN, CHIEF POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

THE much-publicised personality splits in the Labour Party hide damaging divisions over policy that will become more exposed in the run-up to the general election.

Child Benefit: Gordon

Brown, the Shadow Chancellor angered Chris Smith, the Shadow Social Security Secretary and other colleagues two weeks ago by suddenly sug-gesting that Child Benefit be scrapped for 16 to 18-year-olds. to save £700 million. Everyone agrees that the presentation was messy but a compromise is expected in the next few weeks. Mr Smith favours the universal benefit and is against means testing it or taxing it. But he has agreed to look at targeting the benefit more effectively to enable poorer families to keep their children at school.

☐ Unemployment benefit: Mr Brown is also blocking a proposal from Mr Smith to restore the time unemployment benefit (jobseeker's allowance) is paid from six months to 12 months, estimated to cost £150 million. Mr Smith has by no means given up and is said to have support from other Shadow Cabinet colleagues. Mr Smith also wants to reintroduce benefit for 16 and 17-year-olds.

Mr Brown is pressing ahead with his plans to withdraw benefit from workshy youngsters, despite opposition from some colleagues, including Robin Cook. He proposes to cut 40 per cent of benefit from those who fail to take up employment or training options within four weeks.

☐ Taxation: Clare Short, Shadow Transport Secretary, and John Prescott, deputy leader, caused great embarrassment to the party when they backed higher taxes for the better off. Mr Brown says he has no plans to raise taxes but some of his colleagues want a "token" tax on those

£100,000 even though it would raise little income.

Treasury: Mr Brown is at odds with Mr Prescott over his

plans to expand the role of the Treasury. Yesterday Mr Brown's aides tried to play down a speech in which Mr Prescott tacitly criticised Mr Brown's ambitions for the Treasury to be the "engine of economic and social renewal". The speech had been checked with Mr Brown's office and was in line with his thinking.

Rail privatisation: Labour's transport team - Ms Short and Brian Wilson - are at loggerheads over the party's

rail policy. Mr Wilson, who has been backed by Mr Prescott, wants a much more aggressive approach to public ownership but Ms Short, his boss, has produced a more modest plan based on greater regulation. Mr Brown favours her option, which is cheaper. ☐ Education: Harriet Harman's decision to send her son to a grammar school reopened party divisions. Many are still angry about Tony Blair's decision to send his son to a grantmaintained school and the party's subsequent move to drop its opposition to such schools. Ms Harman's action has also exposed divisions on selection. David Blunkett, Shadow Education Secretary, has called for more selection within schools, including fasttracking for bright pupils.

☐ Health: Mr Blair has demanded that there should be no new health policy document before the election. Polling data show that Labour's present policies are already popular, and Mr Blair does not want to risk adopting too aggressive a stance against GP fundholding or NHS trusts. Ms Harman is struggling to present Labour's case without angering GPs, hospital doctors or managers, but her critics fear that she is on the point of accepting the earning more than £80,000 or Government's health reforms.

the slaughtering of cattle was

proceeding too slowly and that farmers were becoming des-perate. Sir James Spicer (C.

Dorset West) urged the Gov-

ernment to retaliate by ban-

represent us effectively in

Europe on this issue."

Minister faces Tory anger over beef ban

THE Government tried to interrupted to complain that pacify Tory backbenchers over the BSE crisis yesterday by promising that Britain would keep fighting until Brussels overturned the ban on all beef products (Alice Thomson and James Landale write). Douglas Hogg, the Agricul-

ture Minister, opening a twoday debate on agriculture, made clear that lifting the ban on gelatin, tallow and semen was only the beginning. "Our objective is to move as rapidly as we can to a total removal of what is, in our view, a wholly unjustified interference with the single market," he said. Backbenchers continually

ning imports of continental beef. There is nothing to stop the Government from demanding the same standards in beef coming into this country as we have here." Gavin Strang, Shadow Agriculture Minister, Tory MPs to join Labour in the opposi-tion lobbies tonight. This tion lobbies tonight. Government has failed to



Note: The BUPA Health Fund is currently available only to members of certain personal-paid schemes in the UK (except Northern Ireland), http://www.bupa.co.nk Quote ref: 8603.

Videos push

library shelf

out nearly 17 books each year.

The figures show that a quar-

ter of all books are taken out

by children, with the propor-

The number of library staff

has fallen by 5.7 per cent since

1990 and the number of books

has dropped by nearly six million to 129.6 million. There

are 4,363 libraries, 29 fewer

than in 1990, and the number

staying open for more than 60

hours has fallen from 57 to 44.

The number of mobile librar-

service rose in 1994-95 by 2 per cent to £12.24 per head of population, but that repre-

sents a cut in real terms. Of the

total, £2.30 goes on buying stock and, although £1.92 of

that is for books, the propor-

tion spent on videos, records

The cost of buying newspa-

pers and magazines has re-

mained at 12p a head,

throughout the period, evi-

dence that their prices have fallen considerably in real

Overall, libraries keep 110 million books for lending

stock, plus a further 19 million

volumes for reference — equivalent to 2.2 books per head of

the population. The sound and

video collection contains 7.1 million recordings, with the total growing annually by nearly 1.5 million.

☐ Public Library Statistics 1994-95 (Cipfa. 3 Robert St. London WC2N 6BH; £80)

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and CDs is rising rapidly.

Spending on the library

ies has fallen by 25 to 692.

Northern Ireland.

PUBLIC libraries are increas-

ingly buying sound recordings

and videotapes instead of

books to satisfy the changing

tastes of borrowers. They lend 10 per cent fewer books than

Evidence of the accelerating

switch from the written word

to sound and vision emerges from the latest library statis-

tics, published today by Cipfa.

recordings on record, cassette

or CD in libraries has grown

by 21 per cent and stocks are

being increased by 32 per cent

a year. In 1990 libraries spent

an average of 3p per head of population on videos. That

has more than doubled to 7p.

The amount spent on sound

recordings has grown from

10p to 13p a head over the

Lending books remains easily the main function of librar-

ies, but people are taking out fewer of them. In 1991 ten

books were issued each year

per head of population. In 1995

the average had fallen to eight. On average, each citizen visits

a library seven times a year. There are wide regional differences in the popularity of

reading. In Stockport the aver-

age resident takes out 13 books a year. In neighbouring Sal-

ford the average is only six. Residents of Kensington and

Chelsea take out more recordings than anywhere else, borrowing an average of three a

year. Westminster keeps the

largest stock of books, with 56 available for each resident. Shetland, with 53, is nearly as

well served, and readers there are the most voracious, taking

LEARNING music at school

improves academic perfor-mance and social skills, a

study has found. The time

given up from other studies is

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BY NIGEL HAWKER SCIENCE EDITOR Dr Spychiger says in New Scientist that the results

Music at school helps

to tune young brains

showed no difference in intelligence between the two groups. But those given the extra music lessons were better a languages and no worse at maths, in spite of spending less time on them. Teachers also reported that younger children taught extra music

learnt to read more easily. There was also less tension in the classes taught more music. "When children have to sing or play music together. they have to learn to listen to one another," Dr Spychiger said. She made a special study



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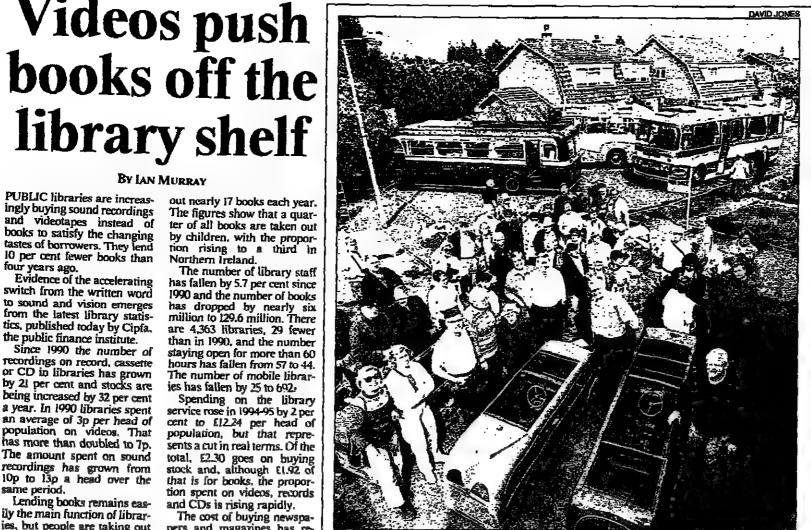
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The visitors, vintage transport in the background, gather round the biggest models

American bus fans' holiday causes small traffic jam

By A STAFF REPORTER

MORE than 100 Americans descended from four Edwardian motorcoaches yesterday and crammed into a threebedroom house in the West Midlands to see the owner's

6,000 model buses. They spent two hours in Geoff Price's home filing past what he believes is the world's largest collection of miniature buses and trams. A life-sized policeman was needed to control the flow of people in the cul-de-sac at

Wednesbury. The invasion was arranged after an American friend visited Mr Price, 45, last year and asked to return with fellow collectors. "He never made it this year but he certainly passed the word on." Mr Price said. "I was told a couple of weeks back that 'a few' people from the American Antique Toy Collectors' Society might come

round to visit. "It was a bit of a problem getting them all in. The hallway, stairs and viewing rooms were jam-packed, but having said that the most popular room seemed to be



Standing room only: Geoff Price shows off his collection

the lavatory." The 102 visi-tors included enthusiasts from California, Florida, New York and Canada, One. Tim Turner, 36, said: "We just found it fascinating that Geoff keeps them all in such a small property. The com-mitment he has shown is just fantastic and we're here to pay homage to Geoff."

next two weeks touring

Europe and its antique toy

collections. Mr Turner said:

"Americans have a fascina-

Mr Price, who runs a company that organises historic car and transport shows, The group will spend the

began collecting at the age of seven. Now he, his wife Linda, 38, and their sons Nicholas, 17, and Richard, 15, travel the world adding to the collection, worth more than

tion with buses because we

don't have many in the

States. The ones we do have

don't really have any charac-

ter so we have to look

Offers for the great British Summer. (Huge umbrella included.)



Tornado's survivors comb the mortuaries

FROM AHMED FAZL IN BASHUL imngladesh

SUJAT ALI turned over the young man lying in a heap of bodies in the local mortuary yesterday, hoping he had found his dead son amid the rotting corpses.

Since the tornado battered central Bangladesh on Monday. Mr Ali has seen scores of human bodies ferried to the mortuary by rescuers.

Bashail a rice-trading town, was slowly recovering from the disaster in which more than 750 people were killed and 35,000 were injured. In Bashail alone, 226 people were reported to have died. The official national radio said one-third of the injured lying in the corridors of overcrowded local hospitals were on the critical list.

An aid worker said yesterday that the death toll was likely to rise. "More people are likely to die of cholera and other infections than [were killedl in the disaster".

Mr Ali, 60, used to work as a farm labourer in the soggy rice plains on the outskirts of Bashail. However, since most of his family have been wiped out, now he spends all his

time counting corpses. Mass graves now dot the rice fields in Tangail district. the administrative headquar-ters of the devastated region. Hasan Khandaker, the local police chief, said there were still more than 500 people missing, but hopes of finding survivors were fading fast.

He said 464 bodies had been buried so far and 26,000 homes had been razed. Soldiers from a neighbouring barracks joined the clear-up operation yesterday. Civilian volunteers working in a remote village reported finding dead children hanging from unturned trees. The decapitated body of a woman was found lying among the bodies of cows and dogs in a hamlet near Bashail

"We are heavily under-staffed to deal with such emergencies," said Abdul Kader, a doctor in Bashail.

Hardline Hindu party seizes its chance to govern

INDIA'S hardline Bharativa Janata Party, which is feared by Muslims, has been invited to form a government and prove that it can survive a confidence vote in parliament by the end of the month.

The odds are against its survival, although vast sums of money are likely to change hands in the coming two

weeks of horse-trading.
If the BJP loses, President Sharma may next invite the Congress Party, the second biggest group in parliament, to test its strength. That would return P. V. Narasimha Rao, the outgoing Prime Minister, to office. He is under pressure to quit as Congress leader after presiding last week over its greatest electoral disaster, but the prospect of taking the party back into power would secure his position and prove him to be a remarkable

SULVIVOR. He could command a majority with support from a group of smaller parties collectively known as the National Front. Left-wing parties have said they will have nothing to do with a government in which Mr Rao serves, but he could in any case command a majority without them.

The National Front has its own prime ministerial candidate, H. D. Deve Gowda, who will also compete for power. Some backroom deal-making is plainly on the cards to decide who would lead the country if the BJP loses the

The general election left all parties substantially short of a majority. There has never been a more chaotic result in India. Atal Vajpayce, the mod-erate face of the BJP and one of its founder members, will be sworn in as Prime Minister today and may name some members of his Cabinet. He will approach regional parties and independents with offers of ministerial posts and other concessions in his struggle to stay in office.

It is a remarkable achievement by Mr Vajpayee, a for-mer Foreign Minister, to have taken his young party this far. In 1984 it had only two MPs, compared with nearly 200 now. He was for a time sidelined by hardliners within the party who projected the BJP as anti-Muslim. It was involved in the destruction in 1992 of the Babri mosque in the northern city of Ayodhya

claimed that it was sited at the birthplace of the Hindu god Rama; the subsequent religious riots left 2,000 dead.

Mr Vajpayee dissociated himself from the demolition. in which L.K. Advani, the party president, played a role. Mr Advani did not contest the election, saying that he want-ed first to clear himself of corruption charges. The BJP, which has no Mus-

lim MPs, is about 75 seats short of a parliamentary majority. It will find it hard to bribe that many MPs to come to its aid, although it will doubtless seek to entice many of them. Its greatest hope of survival is to persuade big regional parties to abstain in the confidence vote. Few parties could afford to alienate Muslim voters by backing the BJP openly.

President Sharma followed precedent by giving the largest party in parliament the first shot at forming a government. even though it is less likely to succeed than a coalition of the National Front and Congress. Mr Rao has said Congress would support any National Front government in parlia-ment, but without joining the



Atal Vajpayee, India's Prime Minister-designate, after meeting President Sharma

Labour activist shot as passions rise in close contest

FROM CHRISTOPHER WALKER IN JEHUSALEM

ELECTION campaign tension in Israel reached a dangerous peak yesterday after a worker for the ruling Labour Party was shot and injured while hanging posters in a Tel Aviv suburb. Two workers from the main right-wing opposition Likud grouping were arrested.

Shocked party leaders took immediate steps to cool tempers in a campaign that has two weeks to run before a poll which will dictate the future of



the Middle East peace process. Shimon Peres, the Prime Minister, who telephoned the victim in hospital where he was being operated on to remove bullets from his leg. said the shooting was "terri-ble". Speaking during an elec-tion tour of Ashdod, Mr Peres said: "We have already lost a Prime Minister and I call upon all people to do whatever

Binyamin Netanyahu, the Likud leader who six months ago was accused by Yitzhak Rabin's family of helping to bring about the climate of hate that led to Rabin's murder at a Tel Aviv peace rally, con-demned the attack. His spokesman said: "He has called on activists from all parties to eject any violent elements." Israeli political analysts said that any hint of deliberate Likud violence could provoke a backlash among the floating voters who are expected to decide the outcome.

The chairman of the central election committee said the shooting should send a warn-

ing to the whole of society. Artur Yarusky, the Labour campaign worker and an immigrant from Russia, said he was shot while hanging posters in Herziliya after four

"thugs" told him he was work-

ing in their territory and demanded that he stop. Sounding shaken, he told Israel radio that the incident ended with three shots.

"One of the guys took out a gun and tried to threaten me." he said from his hospital bed. "He shot me once in the leg. The second shot missed and the third one also hit me in the leg." The police found that the several hired by Likud.

The resort to guns came after reports that gangs of armed right-wing Jewish settlers were patrolling the main

Jerusalem-Tel Aviv road intimidating Labour campaign workers and threatening attacks on Labour leaders. It came amid a "poster war" in which thousands of portraits of each of the two contenders for the premiership have been ripped down or defaced.

Even before the shooting. passions were running high because of the closeness of the contest, with Mr Peres leading by only a few points. Many Likud television advertisements have depicted Mr Peres holding hands with Yassir Arafat, the PLO chief.



Baby adds to swamp death toll

New York: The death toll from the Florida Everglades air crash has risen to 110 with the disclosure that a baby was on the lap of one of its parents (Quentin Letts writes). The child was too young to be on the passenger list.

Investigators say an explosion may have caused the crash of the DC9, which was also carrying 50 oxygen tanks.

'Pik' Botha quits political life

Johannesburg: R.F. "Pik" Botha, 64, South Africa's former Foreign Minister and one of the best known apartheid leaders, is to retire from politics (Inigo Gilmore writes). His tenure as Minister of Mineral and Energy Affairs ends on June 30 when his party quits the Government.

Magic Johnson retires again

Los Angeles: Earvin "Magie" Johnson, the basketball star diagnosed five years ago as being HIV-positive, is to retire again (Giles Whittell writes). After a successful comeback in January for the Los Angeles Lakers, Johnson's recent form has been erratic.

2m Australians 'live in poverty'

Sydney: Nearly two million Australians, or about 11 per cent of the population, live in poverty, according to the Wesley Mission, a key national charity. It said that an alienated underclass would threaten law and order. (Reuter)

King of the ties

Bangkok: A Thailand manufacturer has made a polyester necktie more than 326ft long and nearly 20ft across at its widest to honour King Bhumibol Adulyadej's golden jubilee year. (AP)

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Dole quits Senate to focus on race for White House

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

step yesterday of resigning the Senate seat he has held for 27 years in order to devote all his energy to his floundering presidential campaign.
His decision, which stunned

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Washington, came after intense pressure from fellow Republicans alarmed at how he had become bogged down m arcane congressional business while President Clinton opened a commanding 20point lead in the polls. They had begged Mr Dole to spend more time on the campaign trail but the most they had expected was an announcement he would surrender the

enate leadership. Leaving the institution he calls home will be an emotional wrench for the 72-year-old senator from Kansas, but it "is consistent with the Dole story of realising that when you face a tough fight you have to give It 100 per cent", said one senior Republican official.

Democrats called the strategic U-turn a sign of desperation. Bill Schneider, a top analyst, called it a "drastic step" by a candidate in "drastic trouble". But Dole aides portrayed his decision to sacrifice the most powerful job on Capidetermination to do whatever it takes to defeat Mr Clinton. Leaving the Senate should

E IN DOVERS

BOB DOLE took the dramatic also enable Mr Dole to distance himself from Newt Gingrich, the House Speaker, and the unpopular "Republican Revolution, but it is nonetheless a gamble. Mr

Dole is a poor campaigner -"a doer, not a talker" as he puts it. He is practically broke until he receives an infusion of federal funds in mid-August. and the Senate at least guaranteed him a platform and

publicity. Effectively relaunching his campaign, Mr Dole will travel to the key electoral states of Illinois today and South Carolina and Florida over the weekend. He has agreed to work with a speech coach and use teleprompters, and has taken on two of former President Reagan's speechwriters to give his stump appearances some needed punch.

In resigning, Mr Dole tacit-ly admitted his so-called "rotunda strategy" had failed miserably. Having locked up the Republican nomination in March, Mr Dole believed he could campaign from the Senate floor by producing a string of popular Bills that President Clinton would have to sign and let his challenger take the credit or veto and risk the public's wrath.

In the event, Senate Democrats foiled him at every turn. He has spent the past few

weeks struggling to repeal Mr Clinton's 1993 petrol tax increase and finally abandoned the effort on Tuesday night. Earlier that day, Republican Governors meeting in Washington told him he was little known in their states and he had to get out and tell voters the compelling story of his tough Kansas upbringing. "The battle of Pennsylvania

Avenue is over. Clinton won." said Mr Schneider. Al Gore. the Vice-President, welcomed Mr Dole's decision, saying that "if he leaves the Senate, then perhaps the Senate might have a better chance of break-ing the deadlock and getting over the political paralysis that has gripped that body". In one sense. Mr Dole's

resignation is not the supreme sacrifice it appears, because few believed he would have sought re-election to the Senate in 1998 if he failed to win the White House. On the other hand, Mr Dole has no life outside Washington and could scarcely wait to return to the Senate after the Republican primaries this year. Mr Dole's departure will

trigger a fierce battle for the Senate leadership, with the likely contenders being Trent Lott, the ultra-conservative Republican Whip, and Thad Cochran, both of Mississippi,

and Don Nickles (Oklahoma).



A protester takes part in a mock hanging outside the Shell meeting in London yesterday

Peking chiefs feign amnesia over anniversary of Mao's chaos

FROM JONATHAN MIRSKY

IN HONG KONG

THE thirtieth anniversary today of the beginning of the 1966-1976 Cultural Revolution will receive next to no official recognition in China. To do so would be to raise questions about the broken lives of millions of Chinese, a tragedy for which the Communist Party has no honest answers. For the ordinary city people who were tortured and

humiliated, the Cultural Revolution was the defining period in which Chairman Mao and the party showed their true faces. That is what cannot be examined.

Many supreme leaders died violently in that decade. Deng Xiaoping, the paramount leader, spent years in internal exile and his eldest son, pursued by Red Guards, fell from a window and is wheelchairbound. For men such as Mr Deng and his heirs the Maoist debacle

must never recur. One reason they crush dissidents and commanded the 1989 killings in Tiananmen Square is they see every young democrat as a potential Red Guard.

That is an irony. The next general disorder in China could begin in the countryside among peasants, a class largely untouched by the Cultural Revolution, never prosperous under Mao and now left even further behind by urban prosperity. That relative wealth is partly fuelled by former Red Guards, now busy entrepreneurs whom many young people wish to emulate. They have escaped from a political ennui which began in 1966.

The period was described officially 15 years ago as "the most severe setback and [bringing] the heaviest iosses suffered by the party, the State and the people since the founding of the People's Republic". Throughout the early 1960s Mao believed that "revisionists" among

his old comrades, including Mr Deng, were usurping his power. Calling on young people 30 years ago to engage in violence and disorder for idealistic ends. Mao played on his image as a demigod to

take revenge on critics and rivals.

The disillusion of the young when they found that they were not build-ing a better China but merely carrying out Mao's vengeance helps to explain the absence in China of political belief or commitment.

Mandela urged to fight for jailed **Ogoni activists**

By MICHAEL DYNES, AND INIGO GILMORE IN JOHANNESBURG

NELSON MANDELA, who Shell Petroleum Development endured 27 years imprisonment fighting a repressive white regime, is under increasing pressure in South Africa and internationally to press for the release of 19 jailed Ogoni activists facing execu-tion by Nigeria's military dictatorship.
President Mandela has said

he is prepared to meet Nigeria's hardline ruler, General Sani Abacha, provided that the talks offer some real

prospect of success. Shareholders who attended Sheli's annual general meeting in London and The Hague yesterday were greeted by bongo drums, screaming protesters, and a mock hanging, staged to highlight the Nigerian Government's imprisonment of the activists and the oil company's operations in the Niger delta.

The appalling conditions of the 19, who have been in Port Harcourt jail for two years, were disclosed this week after a letter signed by the prisoners

was smuggled out The inmates, who are all members of the Movement for the Survival of Ogoni People (Mosop), have been accused of complicity in the murder of four tribal leaders who were bludgeoned to death by a mob in 1994. None has yet come to trial and all face the prospect

of being hanged.

To cries of "Shame on Shell" and "Stop the genocide in Nigeria", shareholders filed into the Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre in London. Responding to a suggestion from the floor, John Jennings, the Shell chairman, agreed to hold a minute's silence at the meeting for Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight fellow Ogoni activists hanged last November. "I respect your feelings and, like you, I much regret the tragic loss of life. I think the time has come to seek reconciliation." he said. However, despite a torrent of questions about Shell's activities in Ogoniland, company executives were adamant that they had done nothing wrong in the delta.

Co has been exploring for crude oil in Nigeria since 1937. Production began in 1958 and an estimated \$40 billion (£26 billion) of oil has been extracted from the country, protesters

The company says it spends \$100 million a year on envi-ronmental projects, but recognises "some communities feel they have not had a reasonable share of oil revenues from the Nigerian Government".

Shell faced international protests in November after the execution of Saro-Wiwa, a writer and champion of Ogoni rights, who had accused the company of despoiling parts of the delta by disregarding the devastation caused by oil and gas leaks. Lazarus Tamana, president of Mosop UK, who helped to organise yesterday's protest, said: "Our message to Shell shareholders is that the Ogoni 19 are still being held behind bars in appalling conditions awaiting death. The pollution of Ogoniland is still going on Nothing has changed. The oil spillages and flaring of gas continues. The Nigerian military authorities are still trying to intimidate the Ogoni people. If Shell wants to speak to us, then these issues need to be addressed," Mr Tamana said. Nigeria's military authorities yesterday dismissed as "mere propaganda" claims by the 19 Ogoni detainees that they were being held in appalling conditions. Major Obi Umahi, the commander of the

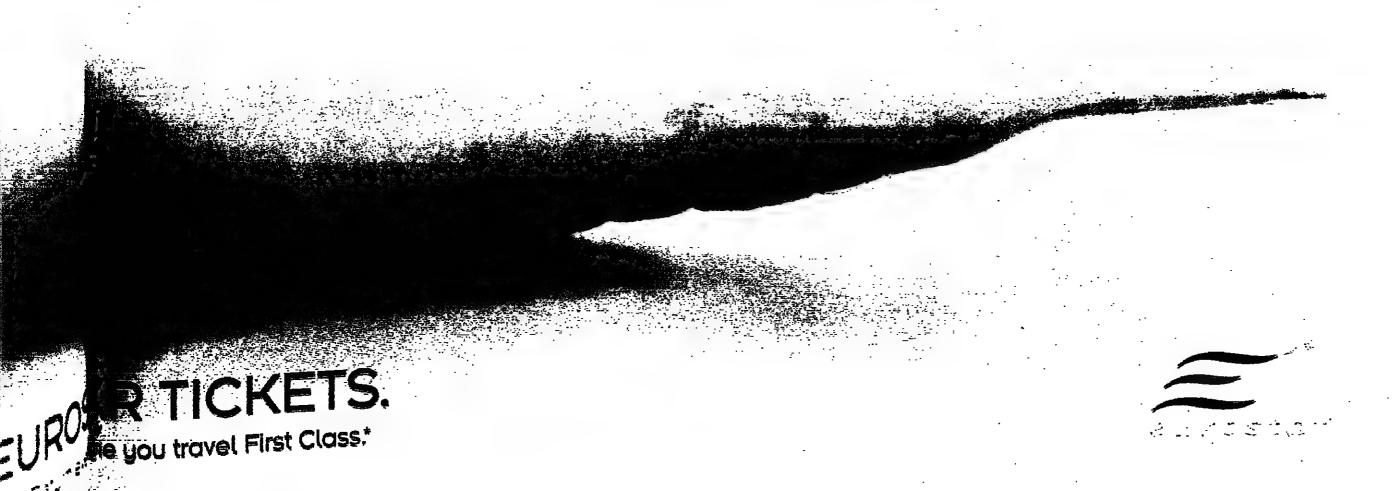
on Nigeria in an attempt to embarrass the Government. General Abacha's regime has been shunned by the West for its human rights abuses. Immediately after the executions of Saro-Wiwa and his eight colleagues, the European Union and the United States imposed sanctions on

Nigerian forces in Ogoniland, said that publication of the letter had been timed to coin-

cide with a US Senate hearing

the Nigerian Government.

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Rome trial told of SS officer's 'iron fist'

FROM RICHARD OWEN IN ROME

THE first witnesses in the trial of Erich Priebke said yesterday that the former SS captain had used brutal interrogation methods at Gestapo headquarters in Rome. One said he had used knuckle-dusters, and another that Herr Priebke had broken his nose.

Herr Priebke, 83, is accused of taking part in the wartime massacre of 335 Italians at the Ardeatine Caves near Rome, 75 of them Jews. Velio di Rezze, his defence lawyer, told the court that the killings came after an ambush by partisans of a German patrol and had been regarded by Herr Priebke as a legitimate reprisal for an act of war. He said Herr Priebke was carrying out Gestapo orders and would have faced the firing squad had he not obeyed.

There was uproar when Signor di Rezze said interrogations at Gestapo headquarters name uttered with dread even today by many Italians — had been no worse than at an ordinary police station. In an interview yesterday in Oggi magazine, Herr Priebke denied that he had used torture or drawn up the list of those to calling out their names as they got off the lorries at the caves and said that he had shot two of them himself.

Riccardo Mancini, a former partisan fighter who was interrogated by Herr Priebke, said the SS captain had punched him repeatedly. "He broke my nose and I still cannot breathe properly" he said. A few yards across the small courtroom, Herr Priebke, immaculately dressed and straight-backed. stared at his elderly accuser impassively, occasionally putting a hand to his head.

Elvira Paladini, the widow of another partisan fighter. who is now curator of the Via Tasso museum, told the court interrogated by Herr Priebke me Priebke used what the prisoners called an 'iron fist' to hit

them with," Signora Paladini

Herr Priebke was extradited to Italy from Argentina last autumn and went on trial last week. Signor di Rezze objected in the 90 witnesses called by relatives of the Jewish victims seeking compensation, "They are trying to widen the scope of this trial," he said. "This is not a trial of Nazism. What is the point of calling rabbis to testify? This is not a genocide

Herr Priebke's superior, Colonel Herbert Kappler, the Ge-stapo chief in Rome, had been convicted in 1948 of the massacre. Several of his subordi-nates had been acquitted on the ground that they were carrying out orders. The question here is whether Herr Priebke's conduct was more akin to Colonel Kappler's or to that of the others [the subordi-

nates]," Signor di Rezze said. Antonio Intelisano, the chief military prosecutor, told the court that Herr Priebke could have disobeyed orders, as other German officers had done. He said Herr Priebke had played a decisive role in what amounted to a collective execution of Italians by German occupiers devoted to extreme brutality and

"delirious ideology".

Milan: Silvio Berlusconi. the former Prime Minister, is under investigation for complicity in the forgery of docu-ments, judicial officials said yesterday after arrest warrants were issued for seven senior executives in his Fininvest company.

The investigation also covers Signor Beriusconi's cousin, Giancarlo Foscale, head of the Fininvest's Standa depart-

Magistrates in the "Clean Hands" team investigating corruption in the business and three or four times. "He told cousins. (AFP)

Lonesome Italians put price on friends

UNLIKELY as it may seem in a country noted for its munity spirit, Italians are turning in growing numbers to therapists and "personal service" agencies for

comfort and company.

A report said many Italians now "rent a granny". and pay an agent to tend family graves when their real grandparents have died. They can also hire

someone to read to them. One agency in Amalfi offers chaperones for independent or lonely women tourists; the chaperones are fully vetted. In Milan, suitable male escorts can be executives to functions.

La Repubblica said affection was "becoming a com-modity" as Italy falls prey to many of the ills that afflict other Western societies. Despite the influence of the Roman Catholic Church and the emphasis on family than 50,000 divorces a year. As the social fabric frays, agencies have filled the gaps. Even prostitutes form part of the growing "com-fort" market, providing "af-fectionate conversation" for

lonely men. The market value of these new services varies. Chatting to a prostitute, at £120 an hour, costs the most. But not far behind are singers who hire themselves out to serenade lonely music lovers in their own homes, at £80 an hour, and writers of love letters, who will set you hack £20 a time.

Renting a grandparent seems a bargain at £6 an hour, while teachers hired to read bedtime stories to children cost £16 an hour.

Marco Merlini, who drew up the report for the Eurispes research agency, said there were now 180 different types of agencies in Italy specialising in "human relations". He sald: "After sex and death, longliness in the last taboo. Society forces us to be alone and then penalises us for it. Which of us



Liberian refugees disembarking from the Bulk Challenge at the Ghanaian port of Takoradi. The thousands of people on board. fleeing the fighting in Liberia, face an uncertain future in packed refugee camps after finally being allowed to land on Tuesday at the end of a

Refugees enter Ghana camps

ten-day ordeal on board the leaking freighter off the West African coast. The refugees were yesterday being settled into transit camps near the port for a stay of approximately a already house more than 15,000

week, during which they will have to undergo strict identity and medical checks. They will then be taken to camps elsewhere in Ghana that

refugees from Liberia. Javier Puyol, a European Union spokesman in Accra, the Ghanaian capital, said the EU would take charge of the refugees for an initial six-month period. A total of 1.849 passengers left the freighter after United Nations and EU promises of aid. (AFP)

Germans judge law exam cheats

CHEATING in German universities has increased draauthorities to crack down not only on cribbing but also on those who allow others to copy their essays.

The worse offenders are law students, some of whom are enrolled in the country's most respected legal faculties. Pro-fessor Winfried Brugger, head of Heidelberg's law depart-ment, said: "Copying essays is nothing new but the extent of the cheating has now reached unprecedented levels - and that is taking into account only those cases we have actually uncovered. The real number of cases is considerably higher." A similar phenomenon has been noted at Berlin and

other main universities The senate of Heidelberg University has ruled that students whose "choice of words is identical or fundamentally similar to those of other students" will be given a fail grade. The rule applies both to the cheat and the person supplying the original. Other universities are considering entering a special comment on the student's record which would, in practice, make it difficult to find a job in a legal

practice after graduation.
The rise of the German cheat has two causes. Christian Wolf, of Munich University, points out that copying essays is no longer as laborious as it was: a computer disc can be duplicated in seconds, and it is an easy matter to tinker slightly with the phrasing and the superficial appearhas 3,000 registered in the law faculty - tackling the same subject has allowed many cheats to escape detection. There will be stricter controls at all levels.

The main underlying cause of cheating is Germany's economic crisis. The average number of semesters needed to complete a law degree is 12, equivalent to six years of study. Most law students spend much longer, often interrupting their studies to take on part-time jobs. By the time a male student has completed his 12 months' military service, he has usually reached the age of 30 before entering

legal practice. As part of the crackdown on public spending, the Governance of the first page of the ment is also considering introstudents — Heidelberg alone this is encouraging law stu- before each examination.

dents to take short cuts. Professor Brugger said: "Cheating has increased among law students in particular because they want to rush through their coursework and take examinations as quickly as

chances of finding a job. Other symptoms of university stress have been reported. Above all, medical students are now said to be taking pills to see them through examinations. Even the Swiss are doping themselves through their studies. A survey of medical students at Zurich University found that 70 per cent took tablets.

possible." The younger they

graduate, the better are their

The most common combination among German mediwork. A large number of ducing hefty tuition fees. All Valium and a beta-blocker

US licenses home kit for HIV test

FROM TOM RESODES IN WASHINGTON

AMERICA has approved the sale of the first home-testing kit for HIV, the Aids virus, so allowing the posting of anony-mous blood samples. Results will be given over the telephone - seen as too impersonal a method by opponents.

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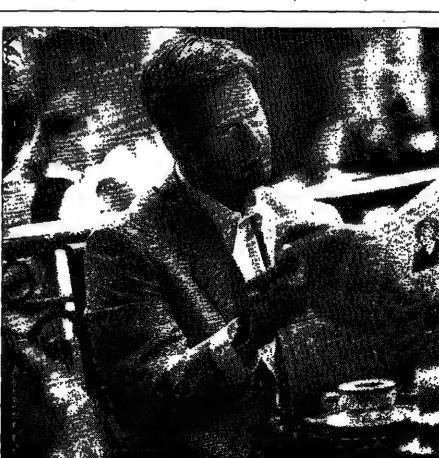
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Kohl: Germany is top of

WAS Sherlock Holmes really

French? An exhibition explor-

ing this unlikely question

opened in Paris yesterday.

bringing together clues to

suggest that beneath the fam-

ous deerstalker of the world's

most enduring fictional detec-

tive were the mind, heart and

Holmes is a cult figure in France and, like every aspect

of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's

beloved sleuth, the mystery of

his ancestry is hotly debated

and the deductions anything

At the beginning of The Greek Interpreter, while refer-

ring to his own faculty of

observation", he alludes to

"my grandmother, who was

the sister of Vernet, the French

painter". According to the

organisers of the exhibition.

that probably is a reference to

Carle Vernet, in which case

Holmes's grandmother, Emi-

lie, came to a sticky end under

the guillotine. Her painting is

Pictures of the Vernet family

are displayed at the exhibition

to show the similarity with Holmes's refined, Gallic fea-

tures. There is no evidence, of

course, that Dr Watson came

blood of a Frenchman.

but elementary.

FROM CHARLES BREMNER

IN BRUSSELS

THE drive for European monetary

union received a boost yesterday

with an unexpectedly optimistic

forecast from the European Com-

mission that Germany and France

would squeak past the entrance test

on time and a pledge from Helmut

Kohl, the German Chancellor, that

he would never give up the fight to

In a hotly awaited prediction, the

Commission said there would be

sufficient recovery in Europe's econ-

omy to ensure that a total of seven

countries would meet the strict test

The strange case

of Monsieur

Sherlock Holmes

launch the euro.

will be prepared to soften its

hardline approach to the Maas-

tricht criteria for the sake of bring-

ing in as many states as possible.

mood, said Europe was living in

"dramatic" times. Five years after

the fall of Communism, there was a

"vacuum of ideology, not just in Europe but in the world". It was up

to the EU to seize the opportunity.

Speaking as German officials a

few hundred yards away were

opposing any easing of the British beef ban, he called for absolute

"solidarity with no strings attached"

towards Britain over the "mad cow"

Herr Kohl, in relatively downbeat

حكدا ما الاصل

Holmes turned down a knighthood, it is pointed out, but accepted the Légion d'honneur from the President of the Republic after arresting the notorious anarchist Huret in the Place de l'Opéra (the real

in England and worked as Conan Doyle's chauffeur). "Do you believe an Englishman of pure stock could have made such a choice?" asks a brochure accompanying the exhibition before arriving at the conclusion that perhaps reflects the new spirit of accommodation between Britain and France. "For a long time there has been not a shadow of a doubt. Sherlock Holmes was

The exhibition "Sherlock

Holmes and France", at the

from anything other than solid, not to say stolid, British Franco-British detective. So French investigators have it is time that France paid also tracked down a certain homage to him."

FROM BEN MACINTYRE IN PARIS who later became a general Bibliothèque des Littératures under Napoleon, Policières, may not be conclu-Holmes's perfect mastery of sive proof of Holmes's Gallic French, his tendency to slip origins, but it is a testament to French phrases into everyday the detective's enduring popuconversation, his frequent trips to France for business larity across the Channel where the word Holmésien

and pleasure, and his decision has become part of the to take refuge in Montpellier in 1893 when hunted by the The French Sherlock Holmes Society has assembcriminal minions of the evil Professor Moriarty are all led a series of tableaux depictcited as evidence that, aling every visit made to France though the detective may have by Holmes and Watson, a reconstruction of the study in chosen to live in Baker Street, Holmes was, at least spiritual-Baker Street, artefacts, playbills and Conan Doyle's works translated into hundreds of French editions — including

the intriguing Les Aventures de Serioc Kolmes. One of Conan Doyle's ancestors, Sir Charles Doyle, is buried in the Père Lachaise cemetery in Paris and a fris-French anarchist, Jules Bonnot, by coincidence, once lived son of excitement ran through students of l'Holmésologie recently when a grave with the initials "SH" was discovered in the same cemetery. An ap-

> exhume the corpse. The exhibition at 48 rue du Cardinal Lemoine runs until the end of August, and on Saturday members of the French Sherlock Holmes Society, clad - naturally - in Victorian dress, will assemble there before making a pilgrimage in hope of finding an address in the next road: 221B

plication has been made to



Britain left off Brussels list of virtuous states for monetary union

latitude is expected to be allowed in this area. Taking this into account,

the Commission figures suggested

that likely founding monetary union

members would be Germany.

France, Ireland, Luxembourg, The

Netherlands and Finland, plus

Britain is forecast to miss the

budget target with 3.7 per cent and

meet the debt criterion with 56.2 per

cent. Only Ireland, Luxembourg

and Denmark are likely to meet the

budget target this year.

Herr Kohl drew chortles from

Jacques Santer, the President of the

Commission, when he said

Germany was like the top of the

Denmark if it decided to opt in.

on budget deficits set by the Maas-tricht treaty next year. Britain was Kohl, the driving force behind European monetary union, gave

followed.

A budget delicit of no more than 3

per cent of gross domestic product

in 1997 is deemed the most impor-

tant of the so-called Maastricht

criteria for launching the euro on January 1, 1999. The incipient

recession in Germany and the

slowdown in France had cast doubts

However, after last-minute calcula-

tions, the Commission said it would

squeak under the bar with 29 per

The presence in the Commission

headquarters yesterday of Herr

cent and France with 3 per cent.

on their ability to meet the target.

special weight to the Commission's

financial ritual and also fed specula-

tion that Germany was being given the benefit of a large doubt. Herr Kohl acknowledged that "things are

going a bit downhill" in his coun-

try's economy but insisted that the

Maastricht criteria must be strictly

While Germany should meet

growth targets, it is forecast to miss

narrowly that for national debt,

which is set at 60 per cent of gross

national product. Only France, Lux-

embourg and Britain are likely to

meet this target. However, some

A waxwork Holmes contemplates the world of crime in the Paris exhibition yesterday

Nato approves European-led joint task forces

BY MICHAEL EVANS, DEFENCE CORRESPONDENT

NATO adopted a new image esterday, approving the formation of a multinational military force that could be used by European govern-ments to conduct peacekeeping operations without the

class at school. "I was usually in the middle of the class and when the top

boy got bad marks everyone was

really happy," he said. He would do everything in his

power to bring the German econo-

my into line, he said. "I am not just a

fairweather Chancellor. I have ev-

ery intention of seeing this through." He said that he placed

little trust on predictions. "I have

seen a lot of forecasts in my political

life ... I do not intend to play that

Europe's current economic down-

turn has led to a growing belief in

financial and political circles that

politics will prevail and Germany

game any more."

Americans in charge. The principle of combined joint task forces, which was first proposed by the United States in 1994, was formally approved by Nato's North Atlantic Council at a meeting in Brussels. Yesterday's decl sion will be rubber-stamped by Nato foreign ministers in

Berlin next month. The idea is to have a mixand-match military force that can be adapted to suit different challenges. For example, members of the ten-nation Western European Union, Europe's defence organisation which complements Nato, could run an operation using American equipment, such as intelligence, communications and airlift assets, without in-

volving US ground troops.

British defence sources emphasised yesterday, however, that since American commanders held many of the senior posts in Nato, they could still be involved in a WEU operation, even if they

did not take charge. One British ministerial source said he did not envisage a WEU force carrying out many operations on its own. "I can see a WEU force doing the

odd disaster relief or peacekeeping operation," he said.

June 3, military planners will begin to work out where the new force should have its headquarters and who should command it. The plan is expected to be put into operation over the next six months.

The North Atlantic Council, made up of representatives of the 16 Nato members, will have to authorise missions for the new force, which will effectively give the United States a power of veto.

A Nato official said: "This is very important step, as it is the first in the adaptation of Nato to its new post-Cold War

missions."
The decision by Nato's ambassadors ended three years of wrangling between the United States and France. France was initially opposed to parts of the plan because of its 30-year refusal to place its forces under Nato command. Consensus was made possible by France's shift towards full cooperation in Nato operations after the election of President

Chirac a year ago. The plan also provides for non-Nato troops, such as those from Eastern Europe, to join

the mix-and-match forces. In another move, Nato is to set up a policy co-ordination group that will have political oversight of the whole restructuring of the alliance. Reforming Nato is seen as crucial not only because of changing needs after the end of the Cold War but also to encourage France to return as a fully integrated member of the alli-Once the combined joint task force plan is ratified on ance's military structure.

official during the Revolution **Moderate** Serb leader

"Citoyen Sherlock", an elected

is sacked FROM STACY SULLIVAN

IN SARAJEVO RADOVAN KARADZIC, the Bosnian Serb leader, dealt another blow to the fragile Bosnian peace process yester-day by sacking Rajko Kasagic. the Prime Minister who international mediators have tried to promote as a moderate

alternative to the hardline Bosnian Serb Government. Mr Kasagic, who is based in Banja Luka, has openly co-operated with the West and has criticised hardliners in the Serb capital of Pale for pursuing a policy of isolation. Mr Karadzic said yesterday that Mr Kasagic's co-operation with mediators threatened the

vital interest" of the Serb Republic. However, international officials in charge of overseeing the civilian aspects of the peace plan said they would continue to conduct business with Mr Kasagic. "It's a putsch and we will not recognise it," a spokesman for Carl Bildt, the European Union

Bossano facing defeat in battle for Gibraltar votes

rue des Boulangers, or Bakers

THE people of Gibraltar vote today in a general election which local media opinion polls predict will see Joe Bossano, the Chief Minister since 1988, returned to the

opposition benches. Yesterday GBC, the local radio station, put the Gibraltar Social Democrats led by Peter Caruana three points ahead of Mr Bossano's Socialist Labour Party, narrowing the nine-point lead shown in five earlier polls published

since last Thursday. Last night saw the end of a fiery campaign by the two main parties, in which the Social Democrat candidate Jaime Netto, a former trade unionist, has filed a complaint

of assault, alleging that he was beaten as he distributed manifestos. Mr Bossano, also a former trade unionist, has labelled Mr Caruana a "neo-fascist". He focused his last words to the electorate on making a comparison between Mr Caruana and his father-in-

law, Je Triay, who in the 1960s

FROM DOMINIC SEARLE IN GIBRALTAR led the PAG party, which sought autonomy with Fran-co's Spain — a policy widely rejected and which, at the time, prompted riots. This led to a statement being issued yesterday by retired politician Sir Joshua Hassan, who led the Rock for nearly 40 years. Sir Joshua endorsed the Social Democrats and said he resent-

ed Mr Bossano comparing the Socialist Labour Party, to his own party.
The Social Democrats have hurled accusations of intimidation and cronieism and a lack of democracy at Mr Bossano. The Governor's office has tried to ensure confidence among the 18,400

electorate that their votes will The Gibraltar National Party has consistently scored 14 per cent support, giving a narrow chance that its leader, Dr Joseph Garcia, could gain a seat and hold the balance of power in a hung parliament. Gibraltar operates a first past the post" system in which the

first 15 form the parliament

and eight hold the majority. There is a single independent candidate, Peter Cumming, formerly of the Social Demo-crass, who gained less than 0.5 per cent support with a call for shared nominal British and

Spanish Heads of State. Mr Bossano is trying to make decolonisation in the form of "free association" the main issue for his mandate. He insists he must be the man to take the proposals to the United Nations decolonisation committee this summer, to show Gibraltar's willingness to meet a year 2000 deadline for an end to colonisation even if Britain resists. He rules out dialogue with Spain unless it recognises self-det-

ermination first, which is highly unlikely. Mr Caruana is fighting claims that he is "soft on Spain", and says sovereignty is not negotiable. He urges "healing" relations with Brit-

ain and qualified dialogue with Spain.

STOP HAY FEVER BEFORE IT STARTS



High Representative, said. Don Quixote cut down in latest battle



FROM TUNKU VARADARAJAN IN MADRID

SHARP editorial scissors have been taken to Don Quixote, the most acclaimed work in Spanish literature. nearly 400 years after its first

publication. In a move that is bound to cause controversy in the land that worships the novelist. poet and playwright Cervantes, a publishing house in Barcelona will next week put on the market an unprecedented, amputated version of the Spanish classic.

Editors have decided that a total of 54 out of Don Quixote's 74 chapters are expendable. "Our intention," said a spokesman for the publishing house, "is to encourage the reader to approach the classic without fear. We do not want to frighten people with a surfeit of pages."

pages. Particularly unsparing are the cuts to the second part of Don Quixote, and aficionados will be dismayed to learn that among the episodes to be lost in the cull is the one in which Sancho Panza, Quixote's down-to-earth servant. is Governor of the isle of Barataria.

welcomed by scholars. Antonio García Berrio, Professor of Literary Theory at Madrid's Complutense University and one of Spain's foremost literary critics, said: "Everything is perfect in Quixote. As in any other great work of art, there is nothing in it that is expendable. If he so wishes, the reader himself is perfectly capable of making

his own selection." Señor Berrio added: "The exclusion of so much is a The unabridged original, sordid example of the which was an immediate succommercialised hypocrisy of cess when it was published in 1605, runs to some 1,200

Running free of the treadmill

yms are passé, real people prefer to take their exercise in the fresh air, reports Style **Editor Grace Bradberry**

THERE IS a casebook dream, experienced by most of us at some stage, in which the sleeper runs and runs but never moves forward. No matter how hard the legs work, the target never comes closer and the pursuer is never left behind.

In short, you are on a treadmill, Or a stationary bike. Or a rowing

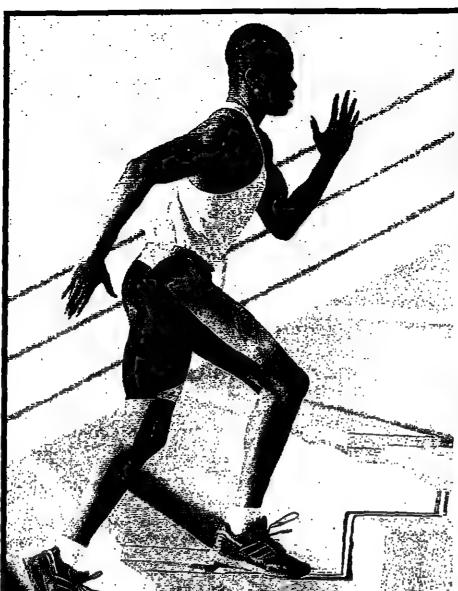
It is odd that the gym, which mirrors so closely one of our most common nightmares, should have become the fitness activity of choice for goal-orientated people over the past ten years. And it is odder still that it should have taken us so long to wake up to the sheer tedium of

But woken up to it we apparently have. After years in the virtual reality world of the fitness centre. where hills are not hills but simulated gradients, an increasing number of people are choosing to leave this hermetically sealed bubble in search of the real thing. The great outdoors, shunned for so long as the territory of serious sports-men and dowdy ramblers, is being rediscovered.

There are some glamorous role-models. Gabrielle Reece, a 6ft 2in model, gave up the catwalk for a life on the beach playing volleyball. She is signed to Nike. Ulrika Jonsson, the former weathergirl and presenter of Gladiators, looks as though she has spent hundreds of hours in the gym. In fact, her agent says, her main activity is

walking.
One of those who has turned away from the world of weights and Stairmasters is Mark Forrest. 31, a DJ with Virgin Radio. "I've jacked the gym in." he says. "I got bored. I was looking for distractions and it was a very stark choice. Either I looked at myself in the mirrors, or I stared at MTV, or I stared at a whole bunch of people who were more pumped up than I would ever be. It was mindless."

Instead, he now goes fell running, competing in some of the 450 races organised each year. "Fresh air is the main attraction. With the gym I'd step out of one airconditioned building, walk 200 conditioned building. Where's the





After years of air-conditioned gyms, where the hills are just simulated gradients on rollers, more and more people are rediscovering the pleasure of the great outdoors

have come to the same conclusion. Men, in particular, are seeking a goal beyond vanity. The gym manager at Cannons, in the heart of the City of London, has noticed a switch in attitude among members. "They used to come in saying they wanted to be fit," Marco Grasso says. "Now they'll say, 'I want to run a marathon or do a triathion,

what training do I need?'."

The gym has even introduced bring-your-own-bike machines, for people who do not have time during the week to seek out good cycling country, but who want their training to mimic the real thing as closely as possible.

To women, this may not sound a bundle of laughs, but then the motivation of the two sexes is often very

"A lot of guys believe that they're trapped." says Stephen Ferns, editor of GQ Active which is launched this month. "They have this thing about being stuck in a rut and wanting to escape." The trend towards outdoor activities, particularly physically challenging or dangerous sports, is one reaction to

omen too are looking for a challenge. But they also have an aversion to competitive sport, and it is this peculiar combination which has dictated what they will and will not do.

"Aerobics was fine, because it vas to music and was non-competitive. Walking and cycling are also fine because one is a leisure activity, the other a means of

slightly naff image, so women have represents a significant shift in the begun cross-training programmes and discovered that mixing activi-ties gives them a new level of fitness. Emboldened by this, they too have begun looking for more interesting activities. Activity centres, such as-Twr-y-Felin, in St David's, Dyfed, have noticed that what was once a male market has now become mixed, as women try out a range of activities including

WALLET SPORTS. Sportswear companies have picked up on this. Salomon, known for its ski boots, has named the trend "cross-hiking", and brought out a shoe specifically designed for rough, outdoor conditions. Nike has done the same, bringing out the in style magazines including The

climbing, mountain biking and

style positioning for outdoor

pursuits.
"We'd never have featured this kind of thing a few years ago." says Ashley Heath of The Face. "But with things like hiking, the cliché of the spod has disappeared." There was a lot of baggage to

leave behind. For women in particular, there is the spectre of the Julie Walters film. She'll Be Wearing Pink Pyjamas, set on an outdoor activity course. Full of sagging leggings, mawkish confessions and emotional scenes of triumph, it is the sort of film that keeps fashionable women tied to their treadmills.

What is enticing them out is the new cutting edge image that attaches to anything that could remotethat Mariella Frostrup goes scuba diving. In her world, who doesn't? The Antipodean influence is also strong. Huge numbers of the under-35s have spent a year in Australia or New Zealand, where activities such as white water rafting, bungee jumping and trekking have long been popular. A whole subculture has developed, with its own look and an attitude. Returning to England, many

You see a lot of people walking round with all the gear, even though they never visit the country-Lydia Campbell, editor of Get Active magazine, says.

people have tried to incorporate

elements of their gap year into their

Shops such as Ski 47, a London sport. Some of the activities are Zealanders, are benefiting from the Harbour Club, but then her father



managers, says that the chain's customers include a number of well-known faces. "They come to us back Kiwis. But we don't just sell the gear. We also organise things like bungee jumping in Normandy

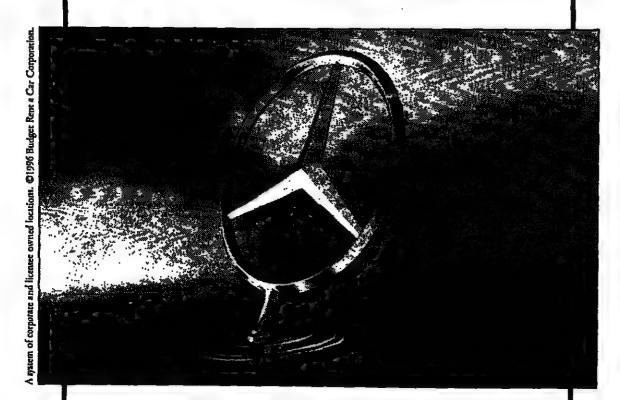
and night-time roller skating.
We're seeing a lot of people who wouldn't have come to us even five years ago. They've got bored with aerobics, but they've probably also been influenced by MTV. They no longer see adventurous sports as beyond their abilities."

hat has happened to the stream of new exercise crazes that used to dominate? The answer is that they are still around, but not attracting the numbers that Reebok's Step did in the early 1990s. Spinning — where the class sits on specially developed cycling machines, pedalling faster whenev-er the instructor calls "hill" — takes up too much space for most British gyms. Slide, the last craze to attract much publicity, demanded intensi-ty of effort that was simply beyond most of us.

Of course, indoor exercise will remain the most practical winter option, but even here the trend is moving away from the aerobics class. Ballroom dancing and pilates (a cross between the Alexander Technique and yoga) are both big. Overall, the most fashionable gym pursuit is something we heard much about five years ago: kickhoxing. Kylie Minogue, Cindy Crawford and Elle Macpherson all practise it. Harry Connick Jnr, the singer and actor, takes part in real boxing. "He wears a helmet, of course." says a record company spokesman. Enter another 1990s fashion accessory?

There are still some who persist in going to the gym. Tamara Beckwith, the trust fund babe beloved of verging on tribal. It is no surprise boom. Marcus Wilson, one of the does own it.

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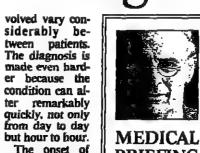
A difficult

city lifestyles.

MORE THAN 40 years ago I was having dinner in a London restaurant when we were unexpectedly joined by a man of rare charm who had been at Cambridge with my companion. After the other guests had gone I was told he was Christopher Robin, the son of A.A. Milne, but this was a subject, together with Winnie the Pooh and Christopher Robin's prayers, that he did not like to talk about.

Christopher Milne, who died last month, suffered from myasthenia gravis, a neurological disease. A town with a population of 100,000 people, for instance, could expect about three new cases each vear.

Myasthenia gravis is an auto-immune disease which attacks the chemical receptors in the muscles, thus preventing nerve impulses from reaching them so they become progressively weaker. As in Christopher Milne's case the diagnosis is difficult and is often delayed. The severity of muscle weakness and the muscle groups in-



The onset of myasthenia gravis can be sudden or gradual and the initial symptoms are ofili-defined but include ex-

cessive muscle weakness after exercise, a voice which tires after a long conversation, eyelids which tend to droop excessively when tired and

qualities may also be a factor.

gums, but there is no evidence

Doctor Peter Wilson, a pa-

thologist at University College

Hospital, says that if cutlery is

not adequately cleaned and there are obvious food resi-

dues left on it, salmonella and

other gut organisms can be

There can be few better

ways of spreading micro-or-

ganisms than by using the

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dishcloth, according to micro-

biologists. Dr Wilson says that such cloths are particularly

dangerous if they are not well

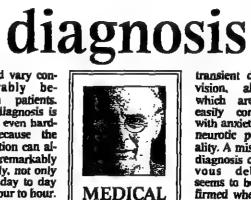
dried, or if they are used to

wipe a kitchen surface or for any other purpose than drying

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cups, glasses and cutlery.

that this happens often.



BRIEFING Dr Thomas Stuttaford

which are too easily confused with anxiety or a neurotic personality. A mistaken diagnosis of nervous debility seems to be confirmed when the patient rapidly

recovers after a rest, but this is a characteristic response. The myasthenla, the muscle

evident in the eye and eyelid muscles in nearly 40 per cent of cases, but eventually 90 per cent of all sufferers will have eye muscle involvement. In

have difficulty in talking and swallowing. If the muscles include those that control breathing — as happens in 10 per cent of cases — the patient may suffer a myasthenic crisis, a potentially lethal condition which may require treatment in a respirator.

As the auto-immune process affects the acetylcholine receptors, treatment is aimed at stopping the breaking down of the acetylcholine, a chemical involved in the transmission of nerve impulses. The two drugs most commonly used are pyrido-

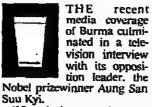
stigmine and neostigmine. The care of patients with myasthenia gravis requires skill and experience as the drug dosage needs to be varied constantly to fit the changing pattern of the disease. It is also difficult to deal with any side-effects of the neostigmine, some of which

can mimic the disease ● The Myasthenia Gravis Association provides information packs for doctors and patients and a

eephone helpline: 0800 919922.

the blind and the deaf, and to

Eat, drink and infect



media coverage of Burma culminated in a television interview with its opposi-When in her twenties, Suu

Kyi worked at the United Nations building in New York, where she developed a great admiration for the organisation's Secretary-General. U Thant. One day, when passing a table set out for his lunch, she could not resist pouring out some water and drinking from the great man's

Fortunately Suu Kyi was very healthy and U Thant's work for the United Nations was not interrupted by any untoward infection. Although micro-organisms, both viruses and bacteria, are frequently spread by droplet infection and there is no theoretical reason why a shared glass should not transmit them, this rarely happens if the glass is allowed to dry properly. The

fact that spittle has antiseptic Dogs provide It is possible that bloodborne infections could be a new lead spread by those with bleeding



UNTIL pit bull terriers became distinctly unfashionable, there was a diswho had four attached to her wheelchair when

she went out in Hyde Park. The dogs were well trained, providing auxiliary traction as well as companionship. The ability of dogs to serve

succour the lonely, is well established — and now researchers in the United States are investigating the practical help which a specially trained dog can provide for sufferers from other forms of disability. in particular the chair-bound. Their report in the Journal of the American Medical Association shows that dogs can be trained to help the severely disabled in all sorts of ways, as well as improving the psychological well-being of patients. Training a dog for the disabled takes six to nine months.

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Jerry Hall, Veronica Webb, Anna Friel and Ruby Wax have undressed for the camera

o why, after 25 years of modelling with more or less all her clothes on, has Jerry Hall suddenly decided that it was about time she posed nude in next month's Vogue? Especially since she appears to be so anxious about her

Many people somehow assume that just because a person is famous

they are bound to be a teensy bit selfconscious about the way they look. But if you scratch a little below the surface, you soon learn that most famous people turn out, in fact, to be staggeringly selfconscious about how they look.

Including Mick Jagger's wife, as it happens. What? Jerry Hall the Texan belle? Legs like a pair of scissors? That Jerry Hall? Worried about her appearance?

Apparently so. Look, to you and me, Hall might well come across as just another arresting 39-year-old blonde. But to her. all she sees is a woman with big feet — size nine. "I buy the strangest shoes just because they fit, though on the whole I have to

Manolo Blahnik." And having to join those waifish young supermodels backstage at collections? That can just wilt Hall's confidence: "It can be really awful when all those girls are floating around looking marvellous and I come out looking like a squashed sausage." She'li say only one thing for certain: her

get them specially made at

So why bare all to David Bailey, and the world? Because the time seemed ripe.

"I've been modelling for 25 years and this is the first time I've ever done a nude shot." Hall confesses, adding: The strange thing is that when I was younger I was more insecure about my body than I am now." Finally, "after 20

vears of marriage and three kids" she has grown more relaxed about he body. "I actually feel sexier when I'm a little fatter, though she has "this crazy diet that I do just before modelling when all you eat is two hardboiled eggs and a

"I also do the odd panic workout the day before a job, but that's it. Mick

grapeiruit for every

thinks I'm pathetic. He's always telling me that if I just kept up the routine I'd be in great shape."

In the end, the semi-coy pose she and Bailey settled on was a sort of blonde Venus in lacy black bra and knickers. The bra is in place, but the knickers have slipped and are nestling just below her crotch: only the most naive reader might mistake it for a Which? report on worsening stan-dards of knicker elastic.

"I didn't know it was her first time," says Bailey, clearly flattered. "Jerry's a mate anyway. She knows she can trust me. And I'm quite easy to work with. Jerry's got a great body. Everyone sees their faults much more than somebody else would. There's nothng wrong with Jerry's body."

Veronica Webb: no worries about nudity

magazine wanted to know how famous women viewed their own bodies. Like Hall, the three others - model-cum-TV-presenter Veronica Webb, actress Anna Friel, and comedienne Ruby Wax - are snapped in various stages of Susie Forbes, Vogue's Ediundress. The photographs all tor at Large, offers a little bit of have that Bailey signature: score unlikely but stun-

in Vogue; it's a special "fitness

and fashion" issue, and the

So was it Bailey's brainwave? And why Ruby Wax? "Nah, it was Vogue's idea," he says. "They said would I take these

pix of girls with not much on. The ones we used seemed like the four who were most diverse, you know, the widest range."

And Ruby Wax? 'Ruby Wax ... It was such a funny

idea. She said she'd only do it from the knees down. She quite enjoyed it in the end." Wax, 43, is photographed back to camera, swathed in a towel large enough to dry the England rugby squad. "I thought she had a great back. So we did her Maybe

struck lucky when they called her. Wax says she is having a "thin moment", thanks to food-poisoning she had her stomach pumped. "I really recommend it." Any hang-ups about her body? "There's not one good thing about it except my lower calves." She is already eyeing up plastic Vogue thinks Veronica

Webb "is genetically blessed with a flawless body — we're talking perfect breasts at 31 years old". But Webb insists that "everyone has moments when they want to

> be thinner" and she panies about her bottom: "It's great right now but. because it's big and round, if it ever falls it'll be a national disaster". Anna Friel, once Brookside's Beth Jordache, has a love-hate relationship with her teeny pot belly. Oh ves. and she thinks her jaw and chin are

Balley says that the studio shoots, each of which took half a day, were all very relaxed, nothing awkward, no embarrassment. discreet. It just happened. you know? It just know? It just evolved. Veronica is a pro. Most models couldn't care

Anna Friel: pecked out from behind a scarf less about nudity. They're so used to it." Friel, just 19, and still having sleepless nights about her forthcoming debut nude scene in a British film, Tribe, finally chose to peek out from behind a chiffon scarf.

So is all this fascinating, or just headline grabbing? A clever bit of both. There are always taboos

about nudity," says Forbes. But she is convinced that Vogue women will be very pleased to see that famous. beautiful women have little body paranoias, just like the that they negotiate different rest of us. The Vogue reader is ways around the problem. fascinated about celebrities Men don't diet, for example. Instead they eat plenty of anyway, and hearing them talking about their bodies is garlic. This doesn't make them thinner, but it keeps people at better than anything else. We a distance. And they look said they could show as much

or as little as they wanted. "The voyeur in all of us women in particular — is fascinated by other women and their bodies. I think every woman has a list as long as her arm of things she doesn't like about her body. I don't think men would know where to start. I don't think the average man assesses his body the way the average woman does. I don't think men spend as much time as women do thinking about their body as

Whoah now! Okay, it's true that it's a very womanly thing, this staring at other semi-naked bodies and measuring yourself up against them. Men don't look at Paul Newman's or Paul Merton's naked chest and start gloating. But don't think men don't care what they look like. Many men look at themselves in the mirror, see a crumpled, un-

shaven face, teeth last seen by a dentist in 1982, a shirt with an ink stain badly camouflaged and they give themselves a long, hard, honest stare and think: "Perfect! Thank God I don't look like some smoothychops daytime game show host."

women do - let's be honest."

It's not that men don't worry about their shape at all, just

charm down to a fine art

any of them: he had remembered me from our meeting

Then he stood and posed for the cameras with his latest

girlfriend, Jill Vanden-Berg,

an unmissable, larger-than-

life "babe" with Marilyn

Monroe-style peroxide hair -

the latest love of his life after a

string of wives and affairs.

two years ago.

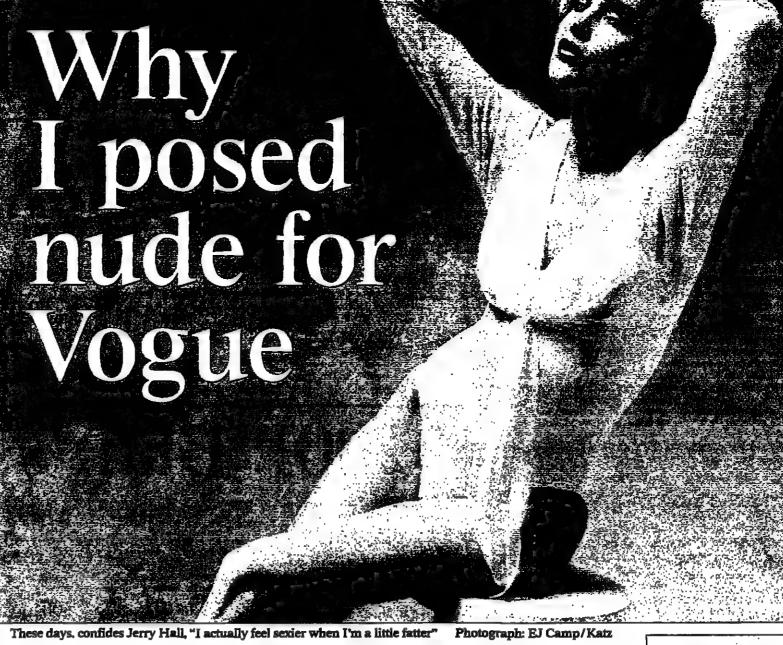
thinner at a distance. Nor do men like the prying eyes of a camera lens on their naked body. They prefer the discreet privacy of the postmatch communal bath where your team-mates wouldn't dream of doing anything so vuigar as starti nakedness: they take nudity in their stride and just flick wet towels at your bottom. How come Vogue doesn't

commission pictures of naked "It's a well-known fact,"

says Forbes, trying not to be too crushing, "that men without their clothes on aren't as beautiful as women without their clothes on."

ailey agrees that women like to look at other women ... sometimes there's more nudity in Vogue than Playboy. Women like to be bitchy about other women. But maybe it also gives them something to aim at."

He thinks that there are acres of male flesh in magazines. It's just that most people don't register the fact. "You're always seeing guys stripped down. Just cos you're a fella you don't notice so much." But you don't often see full-



These days, confides Jerry Hall, "I actually feel sexier when I'm a little fatter" Photograph: EJ Camp/Katz

male nudes have dominated.

frontals of men in magazines. Look at Michelangelo. I guess he was gay. I don't know. I 'it's not so attractive.'

Have you taken any? "If I didn't sleep with him.' How's your body shaping up at 58? "Pretty awful." was gay I probably would. I tend to photograph things that interest me. Male nudity Ever posed nude, David? doesn't interest me as much as "Avedon asked me. But I female nudity. I don't do pictures of trees and things, refused. I was thirtyish then. It might have been all right. You either. Robert Mapplethorpe wouldn't wanna see me naked - look at his pictures of male nudes. All through history

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who agreed to pose for Bailey Kissed by the man who kissed Monroe

Tony Curtis may be 70 but his power to charm remains undimmed, as Dalya Alberge discovered

Tifteen seconds of fame came my way this week. My hand was kissed by the man who kissed Marilyn Monroe: Tony Curtis. The Hollywood legend in his own lifetime - the sex symbol who, at the height of his success, was getting 10,000 fan letters a week - had flown into Cannes for the film festival and was immediately

besieged by the paparazzi. His first words to me were no more exciting than "How are you?" But said in that familiar, gritty Bronx voice, they might well have been a line from a Hollywood script.

Here was the gorgeous slave from Spartacus whose boyish good looks fitted easily into a woman's dress for Some Like It Hot. Decades on, that Hollywood magic is still with the youthful 70-yearold who made more than 100 movies. A terrifying army of photographers screamed his name and jostled each other for space, violently pushing any onlookers out of their way to get their picture.

background: "Jerry Hall's

mother made her promise she

would never take her clothes

off." So between the con-

straints of her mother and her

cosmetics contracts, Hall has

spent her modelling life more

or less clothed. "I think she felt

quite liberated at the opportu-

nity to take her clothes off. You

can see she's enjoying every

minute. It says everything

Hall is one of four women

about her as a person."

For a few moments, I was in the middle of it all. You don't have to be famous to find fame in Cannes. As the photographers literally fought for



Charisma: Tony Curtis

his attention, calling his name to make him look into their camera, Curtis ignored them and talked to - me. I thought of the leading

ladies into whose eyes he had

ater that afternoon, I met him again. He had his latest comic film); I would not have needed one. He is appearing as "the amazing jaded superhero, Reptile

Man", based on a 1960s television show. The paparazzi were at the hotel again. A secluded corner looked. The man who has

range. "But I love it," he said, commenting on the frenzied adulation. "This is all part of my profession. I'm a reflection of what they're looking for." Laughingly, he added: "I'm one of the handsomest men in the world." Only he could get away with a comment like

was found for us, out of their

As I prepared to leave, he told me about his film being screened next Tuesday -"and I want you there", he said, sounding like the ro-mantic lead in a Hollywood

Then he leant over and kissed me goodbye, whispering in my ear. "So long kid. See ya along the line." Yes. Hollywood is all makebelieve. But yes, it sure makes

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Controlling a political explosion

The Semtex affair has been

bungled, says Magnus Linklater

ichael Howard could no more have stayed silent over the Semtex contamination scandal than Stephen Dorrell could have covered up the link between BSE and Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease. But in each case, the most tentative scientific evidence has plunged the Government into political turbulence. The BSE affair threatens our relations with the EU, and now the discovery of explosives contamination on a small rubber pad in a forensic laboratory in Kent risks destabilising the Northern Ireland peace process. With up to tions apparently in need of reappraisal, the potential for propaganda disputing the fairness of the British judicial system is immense.

Each crisis was unnecessary; each suggests a Government at the mercy of scientific expertise, meamerised by evidence it does not fully understand. The BSE problem should have been dealt with years ago, when outbreaks of the disease were first detected. At that stage, the instinct was to play down the threat, but this left the Government vulnerable when the first remote links with CJD were revealed.

The Semtex affair is of a differ-ent order. Here, Mr Howard would There is no such thing have been well advised to demand more investigation - and more time — before foolproof making his statelaboratory ment. Far from keeping quiet for too

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long, as the Shadow Home Secretary, Jack Straw, claims, Mr Howard should have demanded more research and come to the House later. That way, he could have made a more detailed statement, and one that would have carried more authority and

thus reassurance. Instead, he has invited maximum speculation in a field already wide open to exploitation. So far, we have no precise evidence about when the centrifuge at the Forensic Exolosives Laboratory in Sevenoaks came to be contaminated. Forensic tests have been carried out on it since 1989, but the traces of RDX, a Semtex component, might well predate this, from previous use.

To suggest that every criminal case involving Semtex over this period must now be suspect is to call into question up to 38 convictions, many involving the IRA. Yet the supporting evidence is minute. The laboratory head, Dr Maurice Marshall, says in his report that the chances of cross-contamination were almost non-existent because of the elaborate precautions taken to prevent it. One eminent forensic scientist I spoke to yesterday said that it was absolutely fundamental to the procedure that control tests were carried out, so that if there was any contamination on the equipment, it would show up in the results. That it did not suggests to him that no contamination in fact took place. "These days scientists are so frightened of getting things wrong that they report any problem, however small. to their superiors, and leave it

to them," he said. The net result of this is that judgment based on inadequate or ill-understood evidence. Damned if they suppress it, they are equally damned if they throw it open to inquiry.

Professor Brian Caddy, who has now been called in to investigate the implications of the contamination, may well be the best man for the job, having already examined evidence in the case of the Maguire Seven. But it would surely have been better to bring him in first to assess the prima facie case before going public. This would at least have enabled the Home Secre-tary to quantify the risk of a miscarriage of justice. He could have cited with authority those cases - at most one two - where Semtex was the sole or principal evidence relied on in court, and so restricted the inquiry to them. He might even have been able to conclude that cross-contamination had never taken

place at all. As it is, we have maximum suspicion and minimum reassurance - all in an area of the utmost sensitivity. It would be easy, of course, to blame the scientists themselves. Following the shameful débacle of the Birmingham Six case, it

was a reasonable expectation that slipshod testing pro-cedures would be eliminated. One of the more damning pieces of evidence in that case came during the 1987 appeal, when Dr Frank Skuse, the prosecution's forensic ex-

pert, was asked about the handling of glycerine samples. He admitted that they had not been stored in a fridge to prevent evaporation, and that it might have been better if they had been. Why did he not do so? he was asked. "It was,"

he said. "an omission." In the aftermath of the Birmingham case, the very least one might have expected was a guarantee that there would be no more such "omissions". And yet the centrifuge at Sevenoaks was never properly cleaned, never fully inspected.

The truth is that there is

probably no such thing as the foolproof laboratory. However impressive the technology, the human ingre-dient will always interfere with the hope of scientific infallibility. Even that great forensic icon of our times -DNA - has not yet proved to be the panacea that was confidently anticipated. Instead, it has proved so far to be a slow and cumbersome science. Recently. Strathclyde Police reopened the infamous "Bible John" murder case in Glasgow by digging up the 16year-old corpse of a man they suspected might have been the killer. They predicted that DNA tests would solve the case once and for all. Four months on, the corpse has been reburied and the case is

The lesson is that forensic science is not yet, may never be, 100 per cent reliable. Politicians, police and lawyers should not act as if it were. Instead they should understand its limitations. That is the first step towards using it intelligently, rather than dancpoliticians have to reach a ing to its tune.



2001: Blair's odyssey

n the United States, new presidents start to run for a second term on the day they are inaugurated. In Britain, Tony Blair is already running for his second term: if "new" Labour is to be more than another blip in British political history, he has to win the election of 2001 or 2002 as well as that of 1996 or 1997. The precedents are against him. Clement Attlee's great election victory of 1945 was followed by a narrow victory in 1950 and defeat in 1951; Harold Wilson's only big election victory, in 1966, was followed by defeat in 1970. Four Conservative administrations in the past 100 years have lasted ten years or more; the present one has lasted

for 17. No Labour administration has

lasted for more than six. Even when the Conservatives suffer a bad defeat, they tend to recover quickly. In the election of 1880, they won only 240 seats, but they were back in power inside five years; 1906 they won 150, and it took 10 years to get back; in 1945 they won 200 and it took six years; in 1966 they won 250 and it took four. The Conservatives suffer landslide defeats from time to time when the electorate is thoroughly tired of them, and that is quite likely to happen at the next election. Even then, they are seldom out of office for much longer than a

single parliament. Some commentators think that it will be different this time, because the Conservatives will split over Europe. They may, but they probably will not. partly because the danger of doing so is such an obvious one. There are everal potential successors to John Major after an election defeat who could probably hold the party together. Anyone in the range between Chris Patten and John Redwood could probably do so. There is also the possibility the Tories will move straight to William Hague, the Welsh Secretary, as their next leader. He will be only 40 in 2001, the most likely

date for the election after next. Mr Blair has to assume that the Conservatives will follow at least as formidable a strategy as would be signalled by a Hague leadership. Mr lague is a Northerner, sitting for a Yorkshire seat. The election of 2001 will be decided in the hundred or so marginal seats of the Midlands and North-West to whose voters the gritty Yorkshire accent of Harold Wilson was so dangerously seductive in the 1960s and early 1970s. Mr Hague has the advantage of being eight years younger than Mr Blair, just as Mr Blair has the advantage of being To win the election after next, Labour

will have to become ultra-Thatcherite

Rees-Mogg

younger than Mr Major. In the election of 2001 the newest voters will have been born in 1983. Mr Hague is regarded as an exceptionally able minister by his Cabinet colleagues, particularly by Mr Major. Three of the last four Tory leaders have been the preferred candidate of the outgoing leader. Mr Hague is also on the right of the party, and the Tories are

already moving in that direction. Mr Blair has already had a look at electoral reform as a way of making sure of the 2001 election. In theory, that could be attractive. There are no great ideological differences between

new Labour and the Liberal Democrats. and there is no personal antagonism between Mr Blair and Paddy Ashdown, such as ruined the Liberal-Social Democrat Alliance in the 1980s.

But from Mr Blair's point of view, proportional representation has one overwheiming disadvantage. It would certainly split the Labour Party, but it could not be relied on to split the Conservatives, particularly in Opposition. Admittedly, a united Lib-Lab alliance fighting under proportional representation would almost certainly stop the Tories getting the 50 per cent of the vote they would then need to win. But a squabbling three-party left-wing alliance made up of parties representing old Labour, new Labour and the Liberal Democrats, would not necessarily be successful. Mr Blair's power depends on new Labour controlling a united Labour Party. He cannot afford to

risk losing that. Mr Blair will inherit the economic benefits of the 18 Tory years, though his election propaganda will dispute them. If one takes the Group of Seven countries (the United States, Canada, Japan, France. Germany, Italy and the United Kingdom), the UK was seventh in the growth of manufacturing productivity in the pre-Conserva-tive period 1973-1979, and sixth in the growth of productivity of capital. During the Conservative period 1979-1994, the UK has risen to second and

first place in these league tables. Changes in productivity are the most important indicators of real economic change. By these indicators, the United Kingdom had the worst record of the mature industrial countries in the years before 1979, and has had the best since then. That is the real measure of the success of the Thatcher revolution. We went

from bottom to top. Public expenditure in Britain has not been perfectly controlled in that period, but it has been much better controlled than in France or Germany. The ratio of government expenditure to national output in Britain is now almost 8 per cent lower than in Germany, and almost 15 per cent lower than in France,"

as Professor Tim Congdon has recently reported. Part of this improvement in productivity. both of labour and capital, reflects the higher productivity which followed privatisa-

tion. Apart from the National Health Service, 1.867.000 people were working in public corporations in 1981, but that had fallen to 442,000 by 1995. Without these Thatcherite reforms. the British economy would by now be a complete disaster.

n 1964, when Harold Wilson came to power, the Labour Party saw its problem as being how to raise Britain's growth rate to the European level. It failed to do so, but within six years Labour was turned out. Mr Blair is likely to see the problem more in terms of the Asian economies than the European, since Europe has itself become a lowrowth, high-unemployment region. f Mr Blair cannot help the British economy to become more dynamic and competitive, and cannot continue the established growth of productivity, he will be another one-parliament

prime minister. Yet the Asian formula is not an easy one for Labour to follow, in all the successful Asian economies, growth has depended on low costs. low taxation, a low government overhead, light regulation and the en-couragement of local entrepreneurs. That is the Hong Kong formula - it was the Thatcher approach - but it is the opposite to the traditional Labour policy, and is now the opposite of European policy as well, with France and Germany being such high-cost countries. Even Gordon Brown, who does understand the need for controlling expenditure, does not seem to realise what a dynamic competitive policy would mean.

One can already predict that the Tories, if they do suffer an election defeat, will be returning to these competitive policies. The next Conservative leader, whoever it may be, will in competitive terms be a Thatcher II. Where John Major has been a cautious consolidator, the next leader will have to be an unqualified advocate of the dynamic, competitive, low-tax economy. If one takes a line through what is being said by Chris Patten. John Redwood or William Hague, one can see how the Opposi-tion themes would be likely to develop. In government, and near the end of a very long and now tired administration, it may be hard for the Tories to make this argument, but in Opposition it will come in full flood. One does not have to worry about the next Tory leader: no one who cannot articulate this theme is going to be

Mr Blair faces the prospect of two challenges: the real challenge of government and the political challenge of a Conservative revival. Both require him to make international competitiveness and growth the prime objectives for Britain. But that means doing things his own party will not like. He will have to cut the cost and benefits of the welfare state. He will have to cut taxes, and particularly taxes on savings and capital. He will have to "downsize" the State and raise the level of productivity of state services. But can he really be the Hong Kong prime minister of a Westminster Labour government?

If he can, he has a historic opportunity. If by the year 2000, five million people have been taken right out of income tax, and the top marginal rate has been cut to 33 per cent; if Britain's maintainable growth rate has risen from around 2.3 to around 3 per cent; if Britain has raised its share of exports to Asia; if public expenditure as a percentage of gross domestic product has been brought well below 40 per cent; if savings have risen by a third; if unemployment has fallen to the American level - then there could be a second Labour landslide in 2001. But one must remember that the chief obstacles to all these hopes lie in the Labour Party itself, and particularly in old Labour, which is the real dragon Tony Blair has to slay.

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year or two ago I was at a A publishers' conference where George Steiner was giving the star lecture. His subject was the death of the book, and he unfolded one of his usual sparkling visions of cultural history. The epoch of the book, he declared, began when St Ambrose was hailed by St Augustine as "the first man who could read without moving his lips", and it died when Western culture began to collapse in the barbarism of 1914-18.

literary apocalypse

The publishers rose to their feet to applaud him. Then they turned to the next item on the agenda: "Book Piracy". Speaker after speaker got up to complain of the millions of books that were being printed in Japan and other Asian countries without a penny returning to the coffers of the original publishers. Not one of them appeared to notice the giant contradiction be-tween the thesis they had been cheer-

ing and what they were saying now.
The Times Literary Supplement had a special section last week on "Information Technology", in which the future of the book was raised again. Of course, dramatic things are happening to the book. Existing books are being transferred whole sale onto the screen. A Cambridge firm, Chadwyck-Healey, has put practically the whole corpus of English poetry onto CD-Rom at £25,000 a shot, followed by the works of Goethe in 143 volumes for £3,950, and they are finding plenty of takers among the world's libraries.

The new British Library itself,

among all its other tribulations, is having to consider how to meet the swelling claims of such items, as part of its collections. In fact, cynics have been saying that it is typical of such great institutions to come to fruition just when their original purpose is

being superseded. However, when Don Fowler of Jesus College, Oxford, considers in the TLS what immediate effect that kind of transfer of books to screen might have on their present form, he comes up with little more than the disappearances of indexes (because it will be easy to scan the text for what one wants by calling up a few relevant words). Fowler regards even this as a loss - for "the great enterprises for categorising the productions of humanity" in the past, from the French Encyclopedie to the Library of Congress catalogue, were all so fascinating to browse through and so

ut will new writing, eventualby, appear exclusively in screen form? And what effect that will that have on it? Will the new forms even consist of writing? Fowler notes that with the increasing scope for "virtual reality" on our screens, some people wonder if the old Platonic dream of getting rid of signs — that is to say, in this context, words - and seeing reality direct, might at last

come about. Fowler dismisses that possibility. too. Words are too rich and subtle in their potential to be so easily dispensed with in favour of pictures. I remember that in the days of the BBC literary magazine, The Listener. when the 20-minute talk was going out of fashion on the radio, we tried very hard to make good articles out of TV documentaries. It never worked. They were thin, unnourishing gruel, like strings of captions, and showed up what an illusion it was to suppose that TV documentaries had much enlightenment to offer, compared

with what the written word could do. One of the claims of those who believe in the importance of the World Wide Web of information on the screen is that it encourages (the fashionable new word) activity". That really means no more than the viewer himself doing something, rather than just simply taking information in. He can "surf around, or even add his own comments. But another TLS contributor, Nigel Shardlow (also from Jesus College, a veritable hotbed of II). says that at present, at least, this amounts to little more than the punter going round like a dog lifting its leg and leaving its trademark for

the other dogs "surfing the web". George Steiner returns to the theme in the May issue of Prospect. now predicting not just the death of the book but "the death of literature". He quotes the "brilliant Marxian observation" that there was no chamber music before there were chambers - in other words that "very specific spatial conditions" determine what kind of art evolves. Now he thinks that the imminent arrival of a small-scale, portable, total display computer" will have similar enormous influence on the kinds of things "writers" and "artists" (if they are still applicable words) will do, and on our

means of reading or seeing them. But I will quote Professor Steiner's 'spatial" argument back at him. I flew to Miami the other week, and the passengers all had tiny screens on the seats in front, showing films. I saw the new Woody Allen film, before it was released here. Later, I saw the reviews praised the wonderful detail". You could have fooled me. It was a ghastly experience - and practically everyone on the plane soon gave up the strain of watching. What all of us went back to was the P·H·S pleasures of what the IT people call linearity, demarcation and fixity". In other words — our books.

No footsteps

moments he could hardly have dreamt it would come to this. The poet's classic hymn Jerusalem, which schoolboys, rugger players and the WI sing lustily at every opportunity, has been banned from a memorial service at St Margaret's, Westminster, because

it is deemed politically incorrect. Canon Donald Gray, the Speaker's chaplain, who leads MPs at prayer, has informed peers organising next month's memorial service for the late Baroness Faithfull that Jerusalem is not acceptable. The baroness was a big wheel in children's welfare, and it was felt she would have appreciated the hymn.

Canon Gray refused yesterday to discuss the matter over the telephone, but I am reliably informed that he was asked if it could be included in the service. Despite repeated representations, he insisted that Jerusalem was unsuitable on both doctrinal and social grounds: because "those feet" never did walk here, and because the "green and pleasant land" smacks of privilege. Mr Gray's decision

on the grounds that it wasn't suitable for the present age. Tosh!

• There's some gristy stuff on the Internet these days. The Democratic Unionist Party has opened up a site on the World Wide Web.



of Scotland decided to exclude Jerusalem from its new hymnbook

"It's the latest housing benefit scam"

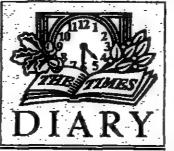
The accompanying picture fea-tures the mighty form of the Rev Ian Paisley, wearing shorts and T-shirt straddling a surfboard. Not for the faint-hearted.

Dane claim

ONE OF the more extraordinary claims from a writer on the publi-cation of a new novel came from the decidedly English Booker Prize winner A.S. Byatt, at the launch of Babel Tower. Friends were lost for words when she appeared wearing dark glasses due to eye trouble. and announced proudly that her

nationality had changed.
"I'm Danish," she declared, and as if to support her boast wheeled out a strapping blond Dane who advises her on matters Nordic. "I used to think I was Dutch, but now I know there have been Byatts in the part of Yorkshire where I was born since the Domesday Book. They came over from Denmark." Since Shakespeare set Hamlet

in Elsinore, Denmark has hardly made the literary news, until suddenly a couple of years ago the cult novelist Peter Høeg appeared on bestseller lists worldwide with Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow. Can Byatt really be jumping on the



 Congratulations to Raymond Seitz, the Anglophile former US Ambassador to London, whose daughter Helen is to marry. She and her fiance. Steven Louis, are an aspiring Hollywood screenwriting double-act, and she has recently been reading scipts for Steven Spielberg. If they can do that job together and still get married I admire them," says Seitz Snr.

Black label

WALKING the fairways with Nick Faldo is one thing, but my advice is to take cover when Will Carling is on the tee. One poor chap admiring the rugger player's swing was nur-sing a golfball-sized bump on his head last night after catching one

The ill-starred spectator came a cropper at a course in Thame, Oxfordshire, when the skipper's shot came hurtling across from the ninth. He fell to the ground, bloodied, and retired hurt to his home muttering: "The blighter should stick to rugby."

Mood music

JEFFREY ARCHER doesn't miss a trick. I spotted the scribbling peer yesterday in Westminster gamely trying to catch the eye of Jacques Chirac. He was flaunting a vulgar tie, featuring cartoon cows on a blue field.

"I bought it especially because of the BSE crisis," he said. "It's covered in large black-and-white cows, and one of them is sticking its tongue out." Not at the Presi-

Multi-faceted

A BIG BREAK for a scion of the Asprey jewellers family comes in a dubious new development in TV advertising. He stars in ads for Seat, the car-maker, which take the form of a soap-opera: each time an advertisement is shown on Saturday nights, the story is developed.



The aspirant young Asprey:

George Asprey eschewed a career in the family firm to go into acting, after a disastrous spell in the army and a miserable time at business school. This is the last thing I would have expected to end up doing. At school I was only ever in one play, and that was because I liked the look of a girl who was



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THE TIMES

CHANGE FOR THE ROCK

A weary Gibraltar now needs a new Government

After an acrid and quarrelsome election campaign, a few thousand British citizens will today vote for a new Government. They live on a controversial fleck of land -Gibraltar - where the Iberian Peninsula confronts the Atlas Mountains, and to which Britain has held lawful title since the 1713 Treaty of Utrecht. This colony, for whose recovery Spain has never ceased to plot, is home to a people who lead difficult lives in the shadow of their "foe".

In recent times, especially since the prickly Joe Bossano was re-elected as Chief Minister in 1992, the life of the ordinary Gibraltarian has become still more straitened than before. with pressure on the Rock now coming as much from London as from Madrid, This isolation has done Gibraltar nothing but harm, wounding the morale of its people and the confidence of foreign investors. So much so that the time has come, we believe, for change in Gibraltar: a change not just in Government, but also in the Rock's philosophy. Mr Bossano, who has ruled the colony since 1988 - always with panache, not always with wisdom - must now make way for a Government with fresh ideas.

The Gibraltar Social Democrats (GSD). who aim today to topple Mr Bossano, appear to have those fresh ideas. Peter Caruana, their leader, may be an ungainly orator, lacking in the demotic touch that has stood his veteran rival in such good stead. But he has at least a vision for the future with which all pragmatic Gibraltarians should be comfortable; and in Peter

Montegriffo, his deputy, the GSD have a man of substance who will one day make as fine a Chief Minister for the colony as Sir Joshua Hassan once did. Mr Bossano, on the other hand, is likely to take Gibraltar nowhere but into a fresh mire of conflict.

History may judge him less harshly, but his legacy has not been an altogether propitious one for Gibraltar. Of course "the patronising men in the Foreign Office" - to use Mr Bossano's own, quite accurate words - have done everything to ensure that this proud man's nationalism bubbles and fizzes to overflowing; and of course the Spanish Government, whose attitude to Gibraltar can be described only as disreputable, has made certain that the colony's Hispanophobia remains resolute. But Mr Bossano has erred in his responses: his devil-maycare retreat into "fortress Gibraltar" was illadvised, and his attempt to use the contraband question as a bargaining chip was inexcusable.

Contrary to Mr Bossano's accusations, the GSD is not a party of palomos - the word on the Rock for quislings - who are "soft on Spain". As Mr Caruana and his colleagues have consistently made clear, Gibraltar's sovereignty is not negotiable for them either. What they commend to Gibraltar's voters, and what Mr Bossano so scorns, is openminded dialogue with Spain and Britain for the sake of Gibraltar's future stability and prosperity. That, surely, must be the right way forward. Gibraltar is British, of course: but it must also be flexible.

LABOUR'S MISSION

Before solving the underclass problem it has to solve its own

Whenever one strain of politics holds sway in a country for many years, it allows unintended social consequences to build up which the party in power is often illequipped to tackle. So it is that the legacy of the highly welcome social and economic mobility that was liberated by Thatcherism has been a sizeable urban underclass of mainly young, unskilled people whose only mobility is downward. Many have parents who have never experienced work: the danger is that, as in America, this generation and its successors will become cut off from employment and the rest of society. They will then have a choice of living on benefits or, more profitably, the proceeds of crime.

Building bridges between the underclass and the employed is the only way of breaking the cycle of dependence. Labour has identified the rescue of what it calls "the lost generation" as its primary task of ment. If successful, the benefits would be felt by the rest of society in higher employment, lower crime and a lessening of the unease felt by many with a social conscience. Just as raising aspirations for the talented working classes was the perfect goal of Thatcherism, bringing the less fortunate into jobs, education and training could be the great task for Tony Blair.

This policy was launched yesterday by the Labour leader flanked by four of his Shadow Cabinet colleagues. Financed by the windfall tax on utilities and money currently spent on the Youth Training Scheme, it would offer unemployed 18 to 25-year-olds the choice between full-time education, voluntary work, a place on an environmental task force or a subsidised job. All options would include at least one day a week of training leading to a recognised

qualification. This plan has a number of Blairite

strands. It contains his emphasis on duty. The unemployed would be expected to better themselves in return for benefit; staying at home would not be an option. It has two communitarian elements: in the voluntary work initiative and the task force, which would set young people to work at cleaning up vandalism and graffiti. This, in turn, is intended to give them a stake in keeping their estates law-abiding. And finally, there is the supply-side aim of achieving higher economic growth by improving skills.

The launch, however, has been overshadowed by reports of infighting between Mr Blair's lieutenants. On the platform yesterday, the smiles were horribly fixed and Gordon Brown nodded vehemently throughout. But the show of unity could not disguise the personal tensions that have been springing so frequently into the open.

These tensions are dartiv the result of the frustration felt by men who have spent all their political lives in opposition. They have too little to do now, particularly as the Tories have virtually shut down parliamentary business. As the prospect of power comes tantalisingly close, the impotence of shadow ministers seems all the harder to bear. Their arguments are surprisingly unideological, which in one way makes them less damaging than those of the Tories. But the fact that they are so driven by personal animosities exposes how immature many of Labour's senior politicians are.

Would these men grow more substantial in Government? Would the petty jealousies subside as they had departments to run and official machinery to damp down disputes? A Blair government need not be riven by the rivalries that so clouded Harold Wilson's years. But it might be. At the moment, Mr Blair — the youngest member of his Shadow Cabinet — looks by far the most mature.

CRY, NIGERIA

An appeal from Ogoni prisoners that must be heard

Nigeria's military leaders yesterday de-nounced the desperate appeal for international assistance by 19 Ogoni detainees, smuggled from the filth of their Port Harcourt jail, as a "campaign of calumny". The riposte to the report in The Times yesterday is contemptible and manifestly untrue; throughout Nigeria, there is wellattested evidence that prison conditions are not only appalling but calculatedly so, and Port Harcourt ranks in the lowest circles of these places of the damned. This group of prisoners, arrested in May 1994, has already lost one of its number; Clement Tusima died last August of untreated diabetes. Their account of disease, malnutrition and denial of every human dignity has the stamp of truth. Their fear of suffering the same fate as Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight others, hanged last November after a trial which made a

mockery of justice, is all too well-founded. Yet to have elicited any official riposte at all must be counted an achievement. It is more than either Britain or the Commonwealth has managed. General Sani Abacha fears only sticks and stones and gives not a damn for the Commonwealth, because he expects its members to go little further by way of sanctions than the minor irritants so far imposed. The Commonwealth group of foreign ministers mandated to open a "dialogue" with Nigeria has not set foot in Abuja because General Abacha refuses even to meet them. Last month, they gave up

trying for an audience. Shell, however, is a different matter. It produces half of Nigeria's oil, which provides 90 per cent of Nigeria's export earnings and a similar proportion of the pilfered spoils that successive Nigerian dictators and their cronies have banked around the world. The letter from the Ogoni 19 reached Europe just before Shell's annual general meeting. Hence the crass attempt to rebut it.

So long as America continues to buy half Nigeria's output and no ban is imposed on inward investment or sales of oil equipment, Shell has no incentive to get out of Nigeria. Pressure on the company has had some effect; yesterday, Shell promised a clean-un of the oil-polluted Ogoni lands in the Niger Delta_Disgracefully, however. Shell came close to endorsing the long detention of the 19, saying that Nigeria had a duty to investigate the murders of the Ogoni elders of which they are accused and that "no one has the right to oppose due legal process". At the very least, Shell should have called for their humane treatment and fair trial.

Nelson Mandela, the leader that Nigeria's military would find hardest to ignore, called for tough measures, including an American ban on imports of Nigerian oil, after Mr Saro-Wiwa's hanging last November. His ardour for tough measures cooled when no African country joined him and he met opposition at home. But the tide is turning again, at home and abroad. Urged to act by prominent Nigerian intellectuals and by US organisations such as Trans-Africa, the antiapartheid black movement. Mr Mandela is now prepared to travel in person to Nigeria

if there is any chance of success. That is morally the right decision. Nigeria's political prisoners include men such as General Obasanio, who worked tirelessly for Mr Mandela's own release. It would also be a mark of South Africa's political coming of age. But he needs international backing. Britain should seek a UN-imposed freeze on the ruling clique's overseas assets; if that does not persuade, the ultimate sanction of an oil embargo should be kept firmly in view.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

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of a larger Nato

From Sir John Killick

Sir, While there is much in your leader, "Prophets of Prague" (May 14), with which I would agree, I do not agree with the arguments for and against the enlargement of Nato. Certainly all independent nations have the right to choose their own foreign and defence policies, but that does not give them any kind of "right" to be accepted without question as members of any organisation of their choice.

The newly independent countries of Eastern Europe have a right to recognition of their security concerns, which, let us be frank, arise from even Yeltsin's Russia, let alone what may follow next month's presidential election in that country. But I see compelling arguments against admitting them to Nato. The first is that Nato has worked and will only work by consensus. Inevitably, the larger the membership, the more difficult it will be for the Alliance to agree on any-

Secondly, by extending the guarantee in Article 5 of the Atlantic Treaty we shall be making ourselves hostage to the external policies and behaviour of the new members vis-à-vis Russia and other possible threats to the East. Furthermore, there are many latent and unresolved disputes between and among them, which membership of Nato will do no more to contain and resolve than it has those between Greece and Turkey. Nato has lived with the latter, but with difficulty and severe practical disadvantage.

To have to contend with more would be a serious weakening of the Alliance. It may sound dog-in-themangerish to say it, but Article 10 of the Atlantic Treaty provides for the admission of new members "in a position . . . to contribute to the security of the North Atlantic area". Enlargement would surely contribute to our insecurity - and that would not help the new members either.

Finally, I of course reject any suggestion that Russia should have any right of veto over our policies, but I have real understanding for Russian reactions to the extension of Nato up to what used to be Soviet borders. The idea that Moscow should view Nato enlargement as of benefit to Russian security through its contribution to European security generally is cloud-cuckoo-land. Did not President Clinton once strongly reject any idea of establishing a new dividing line in Eurone further to the East? It is unrealistic and unreasonable to expect any Russian to see it any differently.

There are other ways of doing some-Baits - by encouraging them to establish sub-regional mutual assistance pacts with which Nato could more easily work through Parmership for Peace than with a multitude of individual countries, as at present.

I devoutly hope it may yet be possible to change course, even at the cost of appearing to climb down in face of Russian pressure. Saving face is no argument for continuing with foolishness, and the foolishness is starkly underlined by Nato's public commitment to enlargement before mounting a study on "why and how".

Common sense surely dictates that you should work out why you propose to do something before you announce that you are going to do it. I find what the study says unconvincing, and the suspicion inevitably arises that it was an exercise in ex post facto justification of a predetermined conclusion.

Yours truly, JOHN KILLICK (Ambassador to USSR, 1971-73: Permanent Representative to Nato, 1975-79). Challoner's Conage, 2 Birchwood Avenue, Southborough, Kent, May 14.

Dying with dignity

From Dr Peter McCullagh

Sir, Letters from Dr Christopher Burns-Cox and Dr Helen Cosgrove (May 10) seek to contradict the propositions in a letter from Dr Margaret White (May 3) that patients in the "persistent vegetative state" are at rest but likely to experience thirst following fluid withdrawal.

Dr Cosgrove points out that, as such patients cannot express themselves, we cannot know whether they are experiencing pain, whilst Dr Burns-Cox contends that there is no evidence that they can experience thirst. Surely the former's point is an appropriate rejoinder to the latter's contention.

"Vegetative state" patients cannot describe thirst. However, an extensive body of published evidence, derived from both animal studies and from patients with specific loss of thirst sensation alone, indicates that this sensation is influenced by parts of the brain that can continue to function despite the "vegetative state".

Animal research has also shown that keeping the mouth moist has no more influence on thirst sensation than an oasis mirage has for a traveller lost in the desert.

Yours etc. PETER McCULLAGH, The John Curtin School of Medical Research, Division of Molecular Medicine, PO Box 334. Canberra City, ACT 2601. May 14.

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Security problems Seeking a role worthy of 'London's unknown palace'

From Dr Dennis Fart

Sir, Of course Giles Worsley is right to deplore the continuing use of the splendid courtyard of Somerset House as a civil servants' car park "London's unknown palace", May

When we moved into the Fine Rooms in March 1990 (not "ten days ago") we had hoped that the decision the then Secretary of State for the Environment (Michael Heseltine) to move the remaining Inland Revenue and Probate Division staff out of the other parts of Somerset House would have been accomplished before the new millennium, and lobbied hard for this to happen.

Ambitious schemes were drawn up for the use of the vacated office space by arts organisations, and for a grand new exhibition area in the south block vaults. Just how well these vaults can be adapted to new use may be seen in the way the Courtauld's libraries have been housed in the north block.

A high-powered and well-endowed trust is essential; so too, is government support. A carefully planned project should attract the financial help of the Millennium Fund. What could be a more suitable cause than the rejuvenation of one of London's finest neoclassical buildings?

Yours faithfully, DENNIS FARR (Director, Courtauld Institute Galleries, 1980-93), Orchard Hill.

Swan Barn Road, Haslemere, Surrey. May II.

Sir. Giles Worsley rightly draws our is indeed, but not by those who during

From Sir Peter Thorne

Sir, Giles Worsley's proposals for Somerset House are exce they go, but they mainly deal with the splendours of the courtyard. They only touch on the river front and do not mention the fact that virtually the whole of one of the greatest facades in northern Europe is screened from the public by the trees planted along the Embankment.

Sir William Chambers designed Somerset House to rise out of the river - as do Sir Charles Barry's Houses of Parliament - and contemporary pictures show how magnificent it was, until the Embankment was built in the last century and lined with two rows of trees, as was the practice with other sections of the Embankment.

By that time architectural fashions had changed, and few would have cared about trees masking the front of a building which was not to Victorian taste. It is obviously impossible to do away with the Embankment; but the greater part of the river facade would again become visible if the trees were removed, and Somerset House floodlit would look superb.

Yours faithfully, PETER THORNE, 23 Rostrevor Road, SW6. May 13.

From Dr J. D. Pickles

attention to the merits of Somerset House. Underused and overlooked it

correct action. The only actions re-

quired of any person finding a bomb,

suspected or confirmed, are to evac-

uate the area around the device and

call for police assistance. Bomb dis-

posal support will be tasked through

the relevant police authority. There

are no circumstances whatsoever

under which a member of the general

public should handle or even touch a

package they suspect could be a

ordinary office hours are there allowed to consult the nation's probate re-cords since 1858. Whether they be sharp-suited lads from the law offices, down-at-heel historians, or amateur genealogists, they are well and cheer-fully looked after and enjoy a speedy

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Mr Worsley thinks that wills "could happily be moved elsewhere" while the space is devoted to grander collections. But probate people, hooked on the sight of real paper (no microfilms to squint at here), have no wish to be exiled to some suburb, and deprived

of so inexpensive, convenient and use-

ful a resource in town. Yours faithfully, JOHN PICKLES (Librarian, Cambridge Antiquarian Society), University of Cambridge, University Registry, The Old Schools, Cambridge. May 14.

From Mr Benedict Birnberg

Sir, I support Giles Worsley's plea for the reclamation of Somerset House as one of London's glories. As to its possible future use, apart that is from the Courtauld wing, London needs and deserves a central information bureau for its resident, working and visiting public alike. And what better venue could there be for the official residence of the capital's projected mayor?

Yours faithfully, BENEDICT BIRNBERG, 4 Eliot Place, Blackheath, SE3.

Dealing with bombs

From Lieutenant-Colonel K. A.

Sir, I was concerned to read your report of May 14 about the teacher who, in a misguided effort to stimulate her pupils' imaginations, played a bomb hoax on them. Several important issues are raised by the actions she then

Firstly, the correct action to be taken if a credible bomb threat occurs is to evacuate the immediate area and contact the police. Any search required will be arranged by the police, using specialist police or Army search teams if required. Any delay in evacuating the area by using the general public, never mind young children, to carry out such a search is absolutely out of the question,

Secondly, the report may have implied that, by carrying the hoax bomb outside, and "handling it as if it were a

Finally, I implore all to leave education on such matters to the experts. In support of the police, army ammunition technical officers conduct a large number of informative presentations to a wide range of audiences every year. These complement the excellent Home Office publication, Bombs -

Protecting People and Property.

Yours etc, K. A. MOULES, Ministry of Defence, Whitehall, SW1.

Gun control

From Mr A. D. Phillips

Sir. I write on behalf of a small independent group which advises on fire-arms legislation. It is surely selfevident that the drafting of sensible and effective law demands reliable information. Lord Cullen's Dunblane inquiry has been set up to provide just such information in this context.

The Home Secretary is holding firm to his view that any legislative chan-ges must be guided by the outcome of that inquiry. In sharing this view, and thereby refraining from taking a position on an issue which may well affect them seriously (and, without doubt, financially), those who enjoy shooting as a sport and a recreation have shown integrity of a high degree.

By contrast, Labour's proposals for legislation without waiting for Lord Cullen's conclusions (report, May 13) does that party no credit - nor, indeed, does its call for a ban on weapons which are already banned (automatic firearms have been in the prohibited" category since 1936).

Yours faithfully, A. D. PHILLIPS, Office of Legislative Affairs, Newton Hall, Newton, Cambridge. May 13.

Their lordships

From Mr John J. S. Farmer

Sir, The present House of Lords (letters. May 1 and 7) is the only second chamber I know of which contains: A signficant number of members below the age of 35 or, at the other end of the scale, over 80. 2. Members from time to time who

have experienced UK prisons from the inside and the whole system of criminal aftercare as currently adminis-

3. Members so disabled from birth or by illness that they would be extremely unlikely to be able to campaign successfully for admittance to any elected chamber or to gain sufficient prominence in their careers to achieve appointment by patronage. I believe the presence of members of

the House of Lords within the above three categories is valuable to our con-

Yours faithfully, JOHN FARMER, The Rosery. 136 Roehampton Vale, SW15. May 7.

The Auld Alliance From Mr Ewen Mackenzie-Bowie

Sir, It was of course James IV who died at Flodden, not his son James V (leading article, May 14). It is also wrong to conclude that by virtue of our long liaison with the French the Scots are a fickle nation. For 700 years we have been entirely consistent in uniting with the French against a common enemy.

Nevertheless I am happy to acknowledge that English hospitality has improved over the centuries; witness my warm welcome here in Manchester, where the Auld Alliance prospers in Ferguson and Cantona.

Yours faithfully. EWEN MACKENZIE-BOWIE.

21 Hawthorn Avenue, Timperley, Altrincham, Cheshire.

Church archaeology From Mr David Llewellyn

Sir. Your correspondent, Mr C. H. F. Blake (May 2; see also letters, May 6), is lucky with the present system. His church has only had to find £1,600 from nowhere to pay for what the parishioners did not want.

It seems that some or all church architects, rural deans, archdeacons, etc, have the authority to delay work (thereby adding to costs), demand extra works, and sometimes charge fees for these "services", whilst the unfortunate churchwardens have the responsibility of extracting the costs from hard-up parishioners. No commercial concern could survive with this management system.

I am sure the individuals concerned act with the best of intentions within their remits, but the bureaucracy of the Church of England needs radical overhaul.

Yours faithfully, DAVID LLEWELLYN, Coopers Cottage, Chiddingly, East Sussex. May 7.

Please hold ...

From Mr Harry Cooksley

Sir, I share Mr Alexander Murray's anger (letter, May 13) at telephone queueing systems.

My advice is to put the telephone down and either fax or post a letter, a solution that will probably prove cheaper and is more likely to produce a result. This will cost the company more to reply and will, perhaps, convince them to employ more telephonists and inquiry desks.

Yours sincerely. HARRY COOKSLEY. Church Farm House. Wickham Way, East Brent, Somerset. May 13.

Letters should carry a daytime telephone number. They may be faxed to 0171-782-5046.

Art restoration

From the Director of ArtWatch UK

Sir, This organisation is attacked by Simon Jenkins ("Restoring the Renaissance", May 11) pre-emptively, for criticisms which it might make on the latest Vatican restoration.

Attacks on restorations are said to be healthy and to prevent bad restoration work on the one hand, and to be redundant - because all restorations today are good - on the other. Similarly, it is acknowledged to be right to observe that all restorers alter paint-ings "in their own image" but "facile" to suggest that those employed by the

National Gallery do so. In support of this last point, Mr Jenkins cites the BBC film on the National Gallery's cleaning and repainting of Holbein's The Ambassadors. It is implied that this film - which struck many critics as too transparently propagandistic - showed restorers steeped in "a craftsmanship of respect" and a study in humility". These very same restorers disclosed in a 1991 joint BBC/National Gallery film (The Much Loved Friend?) their distinctly flippant and disrespectful inclination to laugh at and to mock the things they "don't think terribly good" in the paintings they work on.

ArtWatch is not alone in condemning the National Gallery. Its restorations are a byword for intrusive, aesthetically and physically injurious intervention both within the restoration profession and throughout the muse-

um world. For instance, the distinguished French historian and former curator at the Louvre, René Huvghe, spoke two years ago of the "disastrous effects" produced by the National Gallery's "drastic cleanings which give the works a modernistic aspect that is entirely wrong in terms of historical accuracy".

A senior curator of the Metropolitan Museum, New York, has similarly condemned the "strident tones" produced by "the exuberant cleaning of paint surfaces for which the National Gallery has unfortunately become famous".

Ségolène Bergeon, former head of the French national school of restoration and chairman of the international conservation centre in Rome, has reported that when there is direct contact between paint films and cleaning solvents, the former is "always damaged by leaching". This damage, she has stated, "is at its maximum when the varnish is totally removed", as it customarily is at the National Gal-

Simon Jenkins rightly observes that paintings are not archaeological objects. But, then, neither are they playgrounds.

Yours sincerely, MICHAEL DALEY, Director, ArtWatch UK. 15 Capel Road. East Barnet, Hertfordshire. May I2.

Hobbit forming

From Mr John Rowe Townsend

Sir, In the current issue of Writers' Monthly, a magazine for aspiring writers, an article by its editor on the novelist (and my partner) Jill Paton Walsh says that she studied at Oxford under the wings of J. R. Artol Keen and C. S. Lewis.

It is good to see belated acknowledgment of the inspirational qualities of the long-neglected Artol Keen. Perhaps we may now hear of the beneficial impact on their contemporaries and successors of other little-known luminaries such as, in their different fields, Ira Smurdock, Cray Grain and Denny Spotter.

Yours sincerely, JOHN ROWE TOWNSEND, 72 Water Lane, Histon, Cambridge. May 13.



COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE May 15: The President of the French Republic this morning visited No 10 Downing Street for talks with the Prime Minister.

The President and Madame Jacques Chirac later visited the Palace of Westminster and were received by the Lord Great Chamberlain (the Marquess of Cholmondeley) and the Prime Minister (the Rt Hon John Major

Afterwards, having been conducted to the Dais by the Lord Chancellor (the Lord Mackay of Clashfern) and the Speaker (the Rt Hon Betry Boothroyd), His Ex-cellency addressed the Members of both Houses of Parliament in the

Royal Gallery. The Queen's Body Guard of the Yeomen of the Guard were on

The President of the French Republic later visited the Bank of England and, having been re-ceived by the Governor (Mr Eddie George), had talks with financial

and business leaders. The President afterwards at-tended a Luncheon at Guildhall given by the Rt Hon the Lord

Mayor. The Duke of Kent was present. The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac this afternoon visited the Institut Français and the Lyche Français Charles de Gaulle.

Queensherry Place, London SW7,
and were received by the Ambassador of the French Republic (His Excellency Monsieur Jean

The President and Madame Jacques Chirac attended the reopening of the Institut followed by

a reception.
This evening The President of the French Republic and Madame Jacques Chirac were entertained to Dinner at Hampton Court Palace by the Prime Minister on behalf of

Her Majesty's Government.
Afterwards The President of the French Republic and Medame Jacques Chirac watched the Ceremony of Beating Retreat by the Band of Her Majesty's Royal

Marines Plymouth. Madame Jacques Chirac this afternoon attended a Reception and Luncheon at Eton College and was received by the Vice Provost (Mr Timothy Card) and the Head

Master (Mr John Lewis). Madame Jacques Chirac later visited Windsor Castle, was re-ceived by the Constable and Governor (General Sir Patrick Palmer) and toured the Castle, viewing the

fire restoration work. His Excellency Señor Mario Artaza was received in audience by The Oueen and presented the and his own Letters of Credence as iador from the Kepublic o Chile to the Court of St James's.

Señora Artaza was also received by Her Majesty.
Sir John Coles (Permanent Under-Secretary of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs)

was present The Queen held a Council at

12.40 pm. There were present: The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP (Lord President), the Baroness Chalker of elen and Commonwealth Affairs). the Rt Hon William Waldegrave MP (Chief Secretary to the Trea-sury) and the Rt Hon Gregory Knight MP (Treasurer of Her

Majesty's Household).
Mr Nigel Nicholis was in attendance as Clerk of the Council. The Rt Hon Antony Newton MP had an audience of Her Majesty

before the Council. The Duke of Edinburgh, Honorary Life Member, Royal Associ-ation of British Dairy Farmers, this morning presented The Prince Philip Award for 1995 and certifi-cates of merit for Research and Development in the field of Dairy

Farming at Buckingham Palace. His Royal Highness, Colonel, later chaired a meeting of the Regimental Council of the Grena-Regimental Council of the Gram dier Guards at Wellington Bar-

racks, London SWI. The Duke of Edinburgh, Honor ary Member, this afternoon attended a Luncheon on the occasion of the inauguration of the new at the Baltic Exchange, St Mary Axe, London

His Royal Highness, Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, later chaired a meeting of Edinburgh's Award International Association at Buckingham

Palace.
The Duke of Edinburgh. Founder and Chairman of the International Trustees, The Duke Edinburgh's Award International Association, this evening attended a World Fellowship Din

ner at St James's Palace. Twelfth Man, the Lord's Taverners, was represented by Sir Colin Cowdrey at the Memorial Service for Mr John Snagge which was held in All Souls Church, Lang-ham Place, London WI, today.

May 15: The Prince Edward Trustee, The Duke of Edinburgh's Award International Foundation, this evening attended a World Fellowship Dinner at St James's

May 15: The Princess Royal, Patron. College of Occupational Therapists, this morning attended the "Developing Occupational Therapy Services in Primary Care" Conference at the Royal College of General Practitioners, Princes Gate, Hyde Park, London SW7.

Her Royal Highness, Honorary Air Commodore, University of London Air Squadron, this afternoon received Wing Commander Peter Dixon upon relinquishing his appointment as Officer Commanding and Wing Com-mander Ron[ald] Powell upon

ssuming the appointment.
The Princess Royal, Chancellor, University of London, later visited Heythrop College, Kensington Square, London W8, to mark the occasion of the Twenty Fifth Anniversary of the signing of Heythrop's Royal Charter.

May 15: The Prince of Wales, President, King Edward's Hos-pital Fund for London, this morning attended the Annual Meeting of the General Council at Cav endish Square, London Wt.

ST JAMES'S PALACE

His Royal Highness this after-noon received Field Marshal Sir Peter Inge (Chief of the Defence The Prince of Wales later held a

meeting at St James's Palace to review the progress of the Inter-national Hotel Environment

His Royal Highness this eve-ning attended a Charity Gala at the Italian Embassy, London Wi, in aid of the rebuilding of La Fenice Opera House in Venice.

YORK HOUSE May 15: The Duchess of Kent, Patron, this morning attended the International Social Service Spring Fair, Kensington Town Hall Horston Street London W8. THATCHED HOUSE LODGE May 15: Princess Alexandra, accompanied by the Hon Sir Angus Ogilvy, this evening attended a Dinner given for the John Crown Bresst Cancer Trust at Sotheby's, New Bond Street. London WI.

University news

Cambridge Professor John Parker to be Director of the University Botanic Garden and Professor of Plant Cytogenetics, from September. He is Professor of Botany and Director of the Harris Botanic and Amenity Garden at Reading University.



Helen Fairbrother, left, and Sam Bleby model hats by Nicholas Oakwell with outfits designed by Isabell Kristensen for Ascot next month. The collection includes Sixties-inspired shift dresses worn with box jackets or matching swing coats, feminine corrected suits, and a range of A-line and bell-shaped dresses, also with matching swing coats

Today's royal engagements

The Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh will attend a dinner given by the President of France and Mme Chirac at II Kensington Palace Gardens, London W8, at

The Princess Royal, as Patron of the Royal Lymington Yacht Club, will attend the Royal Lymington Cup at the club at 10.00; and, as President of the British Olympic Association, will attend a gala sports night at Guildhall at 7.15. The Duke of Kent, as member, will attend a reception at the HAC, Armoury House, at noon to mark the recent tree planting; and, as President of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, will present the annual awards at the Barbican at 2.15; and will attend a reception at Soinks and Son, King Street, SWI, at 6.45 to mark the launch of the book Rayai Insignia.

Church news

New bishore The Rev John Charles Broadhurst, Team Rector of Wood Green with Bounds Green, to the Suffragan

See of Fulhum. The Venerable Michael John Colclough, Archdeacon at London House and Priest-in-Charge of St edast-alias-Foster. City of London, to the Suffragan See of Kensington.

Canon John Mugabi Sentamu Vicar of Tulse Hill Holy Trinity and St Mathias (Diocese of South-wark), to the Suffragan See of Stepney.

Lord Jay

A Service of Thanksgiving for the life and work of Lord Jay will take place in St Margaret's Church, Westminster Abbey, at noon on Tuesday, July 16. Those wishing to attend are requested to apply for rickets to: The Rector's Secretary, Room 16, I Little Cloister, Westminster Abbey, SWIP 3PL, enclosing a stamped addressed envelope. Tickets will be posted from July 5.

Professor Matthew Hodgart

In memory of Professor Manhew Hodgart a public colloquium on The Ballads, Gibbon and James Joyce will be held in the Meeting House of the University of Sussex at Falmer, Brighton, on Saturday.

Memorial service

The Duke of Edinburgh was represented by Sir Colin Cowdrey, President of the Lord's Taverners. at a service of thanksgiving for the life and work of Mr John Snagge, broadcaster, held yesterday at the Church of All Souls, Langham

officiated, assisted by the Rev Ernest Rea, Head of Religious Broadcasting, BBC, and the Rev Cyril E. Harris, of St Giles's, Stoke Poges, Buckinghamshire. Mr Raiph Snagge, brother, read the lesson. Mr Kenneth Kendall read John Snagge's The Coronation of Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II from the BBC Book of Royal Memories, and Colonel Carron Snagge, nephew, read Autumn Sequel, Canto IV by Louis

Mr Frank Gillard read the gospel and Mr Leonard Miali gave an address. Among others present

Mrs Raiph Snagge (rister-in-law), Mrs Carron Snagge, Emily Snagge, Henry Snagge, Mr and Mrs George Johnson, Mr Richard Snagge, Mrs Peter Snagge, Mr and Mrs Thomas Snagge, Mr Peter Snagge, Mrs Pamela Pairclough, Mrs Portia

family. Mr Michael Green (acting managing director, Network Radio, BBC), with Sir Roger Cary (a consultant to the director general) and Lady Cary, Mr Peter Batter (chief producer of Cricket, Radio), Mr Colin Brown (director of corporate affairs, and other past and present members of staff.

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Lord Brisgs, Sir John and Lady Mills, Mr Ken Lawrence (chairman, The Lord's Taverners), Mr Neil Durden-Smith and Miss Judith Chaimers (president. The Lady Taverners), Mr John Arkel, Major-General Peter Baldwin, Mr Raymond Baxter, Mr Peter Bond, Mr Peter Broughton, Mrs Dorls Burgess, Mr John Cain, Mr Roger Clark, Mr James Whitbourn, Mr Peter Bonaldson, Professor Michael Foot, Coloniel and Mrs Jock French, Mr Eoin Greary, Mr Peter Raig, Mrs John Haig, Mr and Mrs John Hasiam, Mr and Mrs John Lane, Mr Andry Mrs Shereen Khudhairy, Mr and Mrs Shon Lane, Mr and Mrs Keith Mackrell, Mr and Mrs Roben Mrs Mrs Leonard Milal, Mr Hatty Middleton, Mr and Mrs Robin Neill, Mrs Audrey Parker, Mr and Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs Robertson, Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And Mrs Bernadine Salamon, Mrs And

Dinners

Italian Ambassador The Prince of Wales was the guest of honour at a concert and dinner given by the Italian Ambassador and Signora Galli last night at the embassy in aid of the appeal for funds to rebuild La Fenice theatre, set up by the Venice in Peril Fund.

Among those present were:

Viscountess of Harewood Marta Carmela Viscountess Hambieden, Viscountess of Harewood Marta Carmela Viscountess Stuart of Findhorn, Lord and Lady Feldman, Lord and Lady Forte, Lord and Lady Forte, Rowerta Lady Northbrook, Lord and Lady Palumbo, Baroness Rawlings, Lord Sherfield, FRS, Lady Thorneycroft, the Hon Cilve and Mrs Gloson, the Hon Sir Steven Runciman, CH, Sir James Colyer-Fergusson, Sir Reresby and Lady Sirvell, Sir Ronald and Lady Leiph, Sir David and Lady Berlin, Lady Clarke, Sir Geoffrey and Lady Scholey, Sir Georg and Lady Solit.

Marchese and Marchess Andrea, Senatore Mario d'Urso, Marchess and Marchess Bruno d'Avanzo. Conte Gloacchino del Baizo di Presenzano, Baronessa Afdera Franchetti Fonda, Conte Carlo di Robilant, Conte and Contessa Niccolo Pandolfini, Marchese and Marchese Ludovico Rangoni-Machiswelli, Principessa Alberica Trivulzio, Mr and Mrs Charles Brocklebank, Mrs Humphrey Impoke,

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Royal Aeronautical Society Dr John Green, President of the Royal Aeronautical Society, was the host at the annual dinner held last night at the Inter Continental Hotel. Air Chief Marshal Sir Michael Graydon, Chief of the Air Staff, was the guest of honour and speaker.

Queen Mary and Westfield

College Professor Graham Zeilick, Principal of Queen Mary and Westfield College, London University, and Sir Christopher France, chairman of council, presided at a guest night dinner held last night at the Mile End Campus for deans and heads of department in the new St. Bartholomew's and the Royal London School of Medicine and Dentistry to meet their counter-parts in the rest of the college.

Luncheons

Corporation of London The Duke of Kent was present at a luncheon given by the Lord Mayor and the Corporation of London yesterday at Guildhall to mark the visit of the President of France to the City of London. The Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress. their ladies, received the guests.

their ladies, received the guests. Among those present were:

M Hervé de Charette, the Franch Ambassador, M Gilbert Gantier, M Philippe de Bourgoing, Vice-Aminal d'Escadre Delaunas, M Jean-David Levitte, Mine Catherine Colonna, M Daniel Jouanneau, M Pietre Menat, M Philippe Coste, Colonel Peer de Jong, the Ambassador of the Cole d'voire and Mrs Amouaghre, the High Commissioner for India, the Ambassador of Morocco and Mrs Haddaoul, the Ambassador of Turlisia and Mrs Lessir, the Ambassador of Spain and Mrs Sar, the Ambassador of Japan and Mrs Full, the Ambassador of Japan and Mrs Full, the Ambassador of Beigium and Mrs Turuysbaert, the High Commissioner for Cameroon and Mrs Mbel, the Ambassador of Turkey and Mrs Sanberk, the Ambassador of Unital Countess of Airlie, the Bishop of London and Mrs Chartres, Lord and Lady Camoys, Lord and Lady Swaynhing, Lord and Lady Weinstock, the Lord Lieuvenant of Greater London and Lady Bramali, Lord Alexander of Weedon, OC, and Lady Hunt of Tanworth, Lord and Lady Weinstock, the Lord Lieuvenant of Greater London and Lady Bramali, Lord Alexander of Weedon, OC, and Lady Alexander, Lord and Lady Weinstock, the Lord Lieuvenant of Greater London and Lady Mayhew, the Hon Peter Brooka, CH, Mr, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland and Lady Mayhew, the Hon Peter Brooka, CH, Mr, the Secretary of State for Bouching and Lady Missine, the Minister of State for Industry and Disabled People and Mrs Eggar, the Minister of State for Industry and Disabled People and Mrs Baur, the Governor of the Earch of Lady Brown, the Chief of the General Lady Brown, t Among those present were: Sheffield University, 56; Miss Gabriela Sabatini, tennis player, 26: the Right Rev Kenneth Skelton. former Bishop of Lichfield, 78; Mr Nigel Twiston-Davies, racehorse trainer, 39; Mr John Walford, former president, Solicitors' Disciplinary Tribunal, 69: General Sir Antony Walker, 62: Sir Charles Wilson, former Principal and Vice-Chancellor, Glasgow University, 87; Sir Russell Wood, former Deputy Treasurer to The Queen, 74.

American Chamber of Commerce (UK) Sir Brian Goswell, President of the American Chamber of Commerce (UK), was in the chair at a luncheon held yesterday at the Four Seasons hotel in honour of Mr J. Adair Turner, Director-General of the CBI.

Forthcoming marriages

Mr S.L. Crystal and Miss H.H.B. Seitz The engagement is announced

between Steven Louis, son of Dr and Mrs Raymond F. Crystal, of Short Hills, New Jersey, and Helen Hillary Brewster, daughter of Suzanne M. Barr, of Virgin and Mr Raymond G.H. Scitz, of London. A September wedding is

Mr G.S. Drayso and Miss A.F. Kirk

The engagement is announced between Geoffrey, son of Mr and Mrs Jeremy Drayson, of Dorking, Surrey, and Adrienne, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs John T. Kirk, of Keene, New Hampshire. Dr M.C. Edwards

and Miss L.C. Herrmann Frank and Patricia Herrmann, of Woodham Walter, Essex, are delighted to announce the engagement of their younger daughter, Lucilla Clare, to Mark Christopher, younger son of David and Joan Edwards, of Duffield,

Mr K.W. Hardardt

and Miss C.A. McConville The engagement is announced between Kenneth, son of Mr and Mrs Frank Hardardt, of Penticton, British Columbia, and Charmian. daughter of Mr James McConville. of Henley-on-Thames, and Mrs Anthea Manson, of Highelere,

Mr J.D.D. Lee

and Miss S.A. Chaplin The engagement is announced between Julian, only son of Dr and Mrs David CJ. Lee, of Whitchurchon-Thames, Oxfordshire, and Sarah, only daughter of Mrs Carol Chaplin, of Hampstead, London, and the late Mr Slim Chaplin.

and Mrs M. Macdonald The engagement is announced between Leslie Tanous, of

Hurlingham, London SW6, and

Maureen Macdonald, of Chichester, Sussex. Mr A.L. Warsap

and Miss H.C. Stanier The engagement is announced between Andrew, elder twin son of Brigadier and Mrs Alan Warsap. of St Margarets, Herefordshire. and Henrietta, elder daughter of Sir Beville Stanier, Bt, and Lady Stanier, of Whaddon, Bucking

Marriages

Miss Anna Lidstone.

Mr R.C. Bayliss The marriage took place on Sat-urday. May 11, at All Saints Church, Swallowfield, Berkshire, between Mr Richard Bayliss and

The bride was given away by her brother. Mr Julian Lidstone, and was attended by Catherine Jarrold, Louisa Willoughby and Walter Bayliss. Mr James Illingworth was best man. Mr D.J. Elliott

Maria Carrier

and Miss R.L. Pitt The marriage took place on Sat-urday, at St Mary's Church. High Easter, of Mr David Elliott to Miss Rachel Pitt. The Rev John Hall

officiated, assisted by the Rev Graham Bartiam. The bride was given away by her father and attended by Mrs David Kitchiner, and Rebecca and Han-

nah Drewry. Mr Mark Seymour was best man. A reception was held at Garnish Hall and the honeymoon is being spent in Zimbabwe.

Anniversaries

Birthdays today

Canon Reginald Askew, former BIRTHS: John Sell Cotman, land-Dean, King's College London, 68: scape painter, Norwich, 1782; Richard Tauber, tenor, Linz, 1892; WellBeing, 50: Mr Stuart Bell, MP, 58: Mr Phil Clarke, rugby league player, 25: Sir Colin Cole, former Garter Principal King of Arms, 74; Henry Fonda, actor, Grand Island, Nebraska, 1905; Woody Herman, musician, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, 1913; Liberace, planist, West Allis, Wisconsin, 1919. Mr Don Concannon, former MP, 66; Miss Judy Finnigan, broad-caster. 48: Sir Nicholas Goodison, DEATHS: Pietro da Cortona painter and architect, Rome, 1669: deputy chairman, Lloyds TSB Group, 62: Mr James Hood, MP, Charles Perrault, collector of fairy stories, Paris. 1703: Jean Baptiste 48: Mr Roy Hudd, comedian, 60: Fourier, mathematician, Paris, Sir Dawda Jawara, former Presi-1830: Felicia Hemans, poet, Dub dent of The Gambia, 72; Mr Geraint lin, 1835; Sir Edmund Gosse, critic. Jones, organist, 79; Mr Christian Lacroix, fashion designer, 45; Ma-London, 1928; William Pember Reeves, New Zealand statesman, jor-General Sir Desmond Langley, London, 1932; Bronislaw Malinowski, anthropologist, New 66: Professor Peter Levi, poet and archaeologist, 65; Sir David Maclean, MP, 43; Mr John Haven, Connecticut, 1942. The Kentucky Derby was first run McWilliam, MP, 55; Mr Stephen at Louisville, 1875. Maran, chief executive, Lloyds Abbey Life, So; Professor K.O. Morgan, former Vice-Chancellor, University of Wales, 62; Professor Gareth Roberts, Vice-Chancellor

The first film Oscars were presented in Los Angeles, 1929. "Bouncing bombs" invented by Dr Barnes Wallis were dropped on the Mohne and Eder dams in the Ruhr

Valley, 1943. The Russian spacecraft Venus 5 touched down on Venus, 1969.

Lecture

The Royal Academy of Engineering Mr Stuart Mustow, CBE, FEng, a Vice President of The Royal Academy of Engineering, presided at a Lecture and Dinner held last night at 6 Carlton House Terrace, London. The guest speaker was Dr John Miles, Director and Head of Technology, Ove Arup & Fartners, who spoke to the title Where is the

Justices' Clerks' Society

Henry Ford of Housing Systems?

The following have been elected officers of the Justices' Clerks' Society for the ensuing year:
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Jens (see Stacknere) and Jonathan, a sop, Edward Arthur Same, a brother for Compts.

CARM - On May 122n 1996 in Johannesburg, to Pothy (née Harley) and Jamie, a daughter, Candia Jennifer. May at Bodyn Hospital Switzerland, at 5:30, to Monika and Timothy, a

daughter. Alexandra Haather Victoria, whiter to Carinostar and Calcering a daughter. Alice Elizabeth.

FLACK - On April 7th 1996. to Deirdre Mc Hugh and Amirew Flace a beautiful describer broke Kets of the Challes and Westatheter Hospital.

FOX-MALE - On May 12th, to Sura and Nick, a son, Jack William, a brother for Kate, Asses, and Luke,

Mawkins Houlden - Ca May 3rd to Yvonne and Orver, a con. JARETOS - On April 21st at The Perturned dissertal to Gree Janetos and Rahei Crowley, a son, Lucas Alexander, a brother for KLEYN - On May 5th in Cambridge, Massachusetts, to Julie (née Blight) and Patrick, a son, Tristan Felix Dominic, a brother for Thomas. LAMB - On April 29th, to Martin and Jayne (née Rockethant, a fourth lovely Jasepher, Victoria Ellen, a sales for Charlotte, Roberts and Georgia.

HYMAN - On 10th May, to Louise (note Oute) and Elbius a con, Alexander Jumes, ROWLAND - On May 8th. to Conrad and Claire. a daughter, Francesca Alice Long. 2 and for Vicenta.

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DEATHS

ALBERGA - On 13th May 1996 at Claremont Residential Home. Condam. Roy Alberta M.H.E. and 73 years. Funeral Service 2.20nm on Monday 20th May at Corsham Parish Church followed by Internent at Box Countery. Electrics in F.W. Joses and Son. 30 Market Place. Chippenham. Wils. (61249) 6520225.

Lieut. Commander R.N., pencerully at Warminster Housini on 14th May 1996 aged 86. Much loved hashed of the inte Dance and Josephine. Puneral at The Minster at 2 pm on Frider, 24th May, Family Income only.

DEATHS BRANKAN — Parrick (nie Lewis) peacetuily on 18th May, denty loved wife of Petrick, mach loved mother of Richard and Carleman. Church, Coddington Church, Coddington Church, Coddington Church, Coddington 20th May at 1.30 pm. Family lovers say, Donadons if deathed to the Houston of the Good Suppherd, Backford, Chester c/o and maguries to Dutton and Hallmark Program Services, tel: Chester (01244) 310966.

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Serge Chermayeff, architect, died on May 8 aged 95. He was born in Russia on October & 1900.

SERGE CHERMAYEFF was one of the best architects of a remarkable group that was largely responsible for bringing modern architecture to this country. For his part, he did so with a number of highly praised buildings which received wide publicity, among them the Chermayeff House at Halland in Sussex, the Cohen House in Chelsea, the W. and A. Gilbey office block in Camden and the De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill-on-Sea.

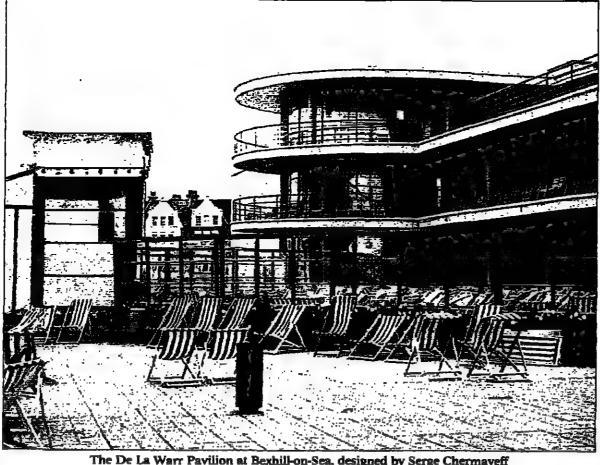
Serge Ivan Chermayeff was born Sergei Ivanovitch Issakovitch, the son of a Jewish Caucasian father, who ran an oil field near Grozny after oil had been discovered there on the family land. His father escaped to England after the 1917 Revolution. But before leaving Russia he had already sent his son to London to be placed under the guardianship of a family connection. Topa Chermayeff (from whom the young Serge took his surname).

He was sent to school at Harrow, where he remained until 1917, but the proposal to send him to Trinity College, Cambridge, had to be abandoned once the Russian Revolution had left his family with no money. There was, however, no question of his returning to his homeland and he remained in London; pursuing a number of interests that culminated in his becoming an interior designer. This was in 1924—the same year as his father's death - and four years later he arranged the first exhibition of modern furniture, fabrics and other materials for the firm of Waring and Gillow - of which he had become a director. He went on from this to receive commissions to design the interiors of the Cambridge Theatre in London (1930)

and of the BBC (1932).

By 1930 he had, with no professional training at all, formed his own architectural practice, opening an office in London and, in 1933, took into partnership with him the German architect. Eric Mendelsohn, a refugee from the Nazis, and with him won a national

SERGE CHERMAYEFF



The De La Warr Pavilion at Bexhill-on-Sea, designed by Serge Chermayeff

competition for the Bexhill Pavilion in 1934, known after its completion in 1935 as the De La Warr Pavilion.

This was the first English public building in the modern style and a good advertisement for it: simple and elegant, with wide windows and a graceful contrast of long horizontal lines and sweeping curves. Its adventurous design, coinciding with the completion of the fine Highpoint flats at Highgate in north London by Serge Chermayeff's compatriot, Berthold Lubetkin, did much to launch the modern movement in Britain.

With Mendelsohn, he undertook a

number of further commissions at this time, including two houses, one in Rugby, the other in Chalfont; but it was the 1936 Cohen House in Old Church Street, Chelsea, which was arguably the most interesting of his domestic works so far. This was particularly unusual because it was part of a larger development: four families had bought a big piece of land together, and this lay between Old Church Street on the west side and Chelsea Square on the east. Fortunately for Chermayeff and his partner, the owners of the land next door to them had also employed a pair of modern architects, the German. Walter Gropius, and the Englishman, E. Maxwell Fry. Not unnaturally, Chermayeff and Mendelsohn collaborated with their friends across the way, together producing designs which were comple-mentary in form, had a white rendered finish or brick, and, in addition, introduced a long wall beside the pavement that unified the composition. And this, interestingly, echoed both the white finish and low scale of the 19thcentury Chelsea Arts Club opposite, so bringing a certain unity to the street as

Both houses have now been spoilt by alterations. Nevertheless, the essential simplicity of the architects' conception remains and is in telling contrast to the clumsier, mock-Georgian houses built on to Chelsea Square by Oliver Hill. Once more immense publicity followed in the Architectural Review and other magazines, bringing Chermayeff the commission to design the Gilbey office building on the corner of the Oval and Jamestown Roads, and which he carried out on his own, his partner having emigrated to America. The Gilbey building was finished in 1937, a straightforward work of modern architecture, suggesting that the Cohen House was by Chermayeff rather than by Mendelsohn, whose inclinations lay

with highly curvacious forms. Despite his continuing success, he designed only two more buildings in this country. One of these, the house at Halland. was for himself in 1938. Many regard this as his most achieved work, a delicate structure in glass and timber framing, the outline of which was echoed in the garden as an outline to define the setting of a Henry Moore which Chermaveff wanted (but could not afford to buy because he had spent so much on the house). After designing this house, which has also been completely altered, and a laboratory building for ICI, also in 1938, he had to close his office through lack of work and the onset of the war. Deeply

disappointed, he left the country that had become his own for thirty years and emigrated to the United States in 1940 to join others like Gropius and Marcel Breuer already there.

He was, of course, welcomed, particularly by the teaching profession. He and his family settled first in San Francisco, where he wasted no time in finding clients for two houses, after which in 1942 he was appointed chairman of the Department of Art at Brooklyn College, where he created the Department of Design. Four years later, he was made president of the Chicago Institute of Design, going on to teach at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at Harvard, where he served as Professsor of Architecture at the Harvard Graduate School of Design, 1953-62. He was Professor of Architecture at Yale, 1962-71.

Chermayeff served on numerous American committees concerned with architecture and planning. He published several books, most notably in 1963 Community and Privacy. He had become a Fellow of the Royal Institute of British Architects in 1933 and was elected one of the American Institute of Architects in 1943. In 1974 he was awarded the gold medal of the Royal Canadian Institute of Architects. In 1980 he was given an honorary doctorate of Ohio State University. He spent his last years in a house and studio at Wellfleet, Massachusetts, designed by himself.

He is survived by his wife Barbara, whom he married in 1928, and by two sons. One is a graphic artist, the other an architect.

MAJOR-GENERAL SIR CHRISTOPHER WELBY-EVERARD

Major-General Sir Christopher Welby Everard, KBE, CB, General Officer Commanding the Nigerian Army, 1962-65, died on May 10 aged 86. He was born on August 9, 1909.

AN EXEMPLARY military leader, Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard was the last British general to command the Nigerian Army. He came to the post in 1962, nearly two years after the country had been granted independence, and remained in it throughout the delicate transitional period during which Nigeria moved to republican status in 1963. In 1964 he was personally responsible for averting an embryonic coup when he called all the most senior officers together and reminded them in no uncertain terms of where their loyalties and duties lay. He only finally left Nigeria in 1965, when he handed over military command to Major-General Aguiyi Ironsi.

It was a precondition of his challenging appointment that Welby-Everard should resign from the regular list of the British Army and work on a contract basis, thus being manifestly seen to be free of any undue influence from Whitehall. A man who carried his authority with an ease and naturalness, he was well received by the Nigerian authorities, both political and military, and formed a firm and lasting friendship with General (later President) Gowon who was his Adjutant-General. In 1965 he was appointed KBE,

Born into a well-known Lincolnshire family from Gosberton, Christopher Earle Welby-Everard grew up in the heart of the Fens. He was educated at Charterhouse and Corpus Christi College, Oxford, from where he was commissioned into The Lincolnshire Regiment in 1932. He served in the 2nd Battalion and at the Depot in Lincoln from then until the early years of the war, being kept in this country — when the rest of his battation was sent to India as he occasionally bemoaned. as much for his talents as a cricketer as for his military virtuosity.

He took over the 2nd Battalion of the Lincolns before the Normandy invasion and led it into Hermanville on D-Day, commanding it with distinction during the battle for Caen. But he was severely



wounded in Operation Goodwood soon afterwards (his batman, though he was ordered to return to the battalion for duty, insisted on accompanying him all the way back to hospital in England). On his recovery he held a

series of staff appointments until, in 1949, he took command of The (by now Royal) Lincolnshire Regiment in the Canal Zone of Egypt during the difficult days following Colonel Nasser's abrogation of the original Canal Treaty. The first and only time he had to threaten a man with a gun was during this period, when he discovered that his medical officer had been taken into custody by the police. Welby-Everard arrived at the police station to demand his man back and, when this was met with blank looks, took out his Sten gun to reinforce his request. This had the immediate desired effect of liberating his medical officer.

264 Scortish Beach Brigade and 157 (L) Infantry Brigade (TA) in Glasgow. This was followed by a period as BGS (Ops) HQ Northern Army Group from which he was promoted major-general and posted as Chief of Staff to the C-in-C Allied Forces Northern Europe in Oslo in 1959. It was from there that he officially retired and went to Nigeria in 1962. He was appointed OBE in 1945 and CB in 1961.

in 1956 he took command of

Welby-Everard was im mensely respected both within his regiment and among those with whom he served on the staff. At his best in command of troops, he was bold and imaginative and, although firm — even formidably stern on occasion — he was scrupulously fair. He placed the care of his soldiers and their families above all else.

On his retirement to Lincolnshire in 1965 he worked for Securicor for some time, but his main energies were devoted to a wide range of charitable and welfare activities. Among other posts he was president of the County Red Cross, area president and county chairman of the Royal British Legion, honorary colonel of the county Army Cadet Force, chairman of the Normandy Veterans, chairman of the Lincoln Diocesan Finance Board and, for 23 years, the untiring president of The Roy-al Lincolnshire Regimental Association. He was appointed a Deputy Lieutenant of the county in 1966 and was High Sherilf in 1974.

An accomplished all-round sportsman, Welby-Everard was a gifted cricketer who played for Lincolnshire in the 1930s. He was also an excellent shot, only reluctantly giving up the sport last season.

He married Peggy Shorrock in 1938; she predeceased him in 1994. He is survived by his two sons.

THE RIGHT REV FORBES HORAN

The Right Rev Forbes Horan, Bishop of Tewkesbury, 1960-73, died on May II aged 90. He was born on May 22, 1905.

A HIGHLY regarded pastoral bishop even by the standards of the glory days of the old ecclesia anglicana. Forbes Horan started his adult life as a Regular Army officer. He went to Sandhurst at the age of 19, spending part of his

subsequent regimental service with the Ox and Bucks in

He then, at the age of 24, went up to Cambridge where, in the best traditions of muscular Christianity, he won a Blue for athletics - running occasionally against Jack Lovelock (though he never beat him). At Trinity Hall he read English, taking a 2.1 in the final part of the Tripos. From Trinity Hall he went on to Westcott House.

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training there for the priesthood. He was ordained in 1933 and served his title at St Luke's, Newcastle upon Tyne.

The twin son of a clergyman, Forbes Trevor Horan had been sent to school at Sherborne, where he shone on the sports field. The brief army interregnum apart, he was thus a typical enough ordinand of the 1920s, when the clergy still tended to be drawn mainly from the public schools and the ancient uni-

Horan also ran true to form in choosing to start his ministry in the rugged North East just as other young curates of the time used boldly to set off from their sheltered theological colleges in places like Wells and Cuddesdon for the Docks and the East End. The first seven years of Horan's ministry were spent in the Newcastle diocese and, but for

the war, he might well have remained there.

In 1940, however, he volun-

teered to be a naval chaplain

- an interesting choice in the light of his earlier army experience but perhaps dictated by his awareness that naval chaplains hold no rank, while army and air force ones do. In any event, his success as an RNVR chaplain was remarkable; it was reflected in the fact that, on his return from the war, he was immediately offered the important living of St Chad's, Shrewsbury, the round church that looks down on the town. He spent seven happy years there before

transferring in 1952 to the diocese of Wakefield, where at the invitation of the then bishop, Roger Wilson, he became vicar of Huddersfield. With the textile industry in transition, it was not an easy time in that Yorkshire town. specialising in manufacturing worsted; but, despite his own southern, privileged background, Horan seems to have been accepted easily enough. There was never any side to him and, though no great preacher or anything like that. he possessed an uncanny way

with people. He was also a

distinguished trainer of cu-



rates - one of the earliest, whom he found at Huddersfield, being Simon Phipps, later to be Bishop of Lincoln.

He was genuinely surprised when in 1960 he found himself invited by Dr Wilfred Askwith, the then Bishop of

Gloucester, to become his suffragan as Bishop of Tewkesbury. Serving both Askwith and his successor. Basil Guy, he was a very popular figure in the Gloucester diocese, taking a particular interest in youth work (it was he who was responsible for appointing Eric Evans, the present Dean of St Paul's, as

diocesan youth chaplain). If he suffered from one weakness, it lay perhaps in the difficulty he experienced in making up his mind — and that in itself may have been enough to prevent his further elevation to the diocesan bench. He retired in 1973 after serving 13 years - easily the longest period he spent in any post — as Bishop suffragan of

Tewkesbury. In his latter years Horan did not enjoy particularly good health, fighting, even before he retired, a long battle with

cancer. His first wife Veronica (a great help to him and the daughter of a former Bishop of Knaresborough), whom he married in 1939, died in 1983 and five years later he married Elizabeth Lancaster. She survives him together with the two sons and two daughters of his first marriage.

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ON THIS DAY

May 16, 1858 **MARKAN**

The Crimean War is perhaps the best known occasion when the paper felt the need to castigate the Government. But four years on it was equally unhappy at the handling of the Indian Mutiny.

our paper under their own vine and their own figtree, and rejoicing that Her Majesty's Government know better what to do than themselves, that they are under a pleasing but dangerous illusion. It is quite evident that these great personages have not the least idea what they are about; they have no common plan of action: no consistency from day to day; no unity between one another. If. then, the suppression of the most formidable mutiny ever known and the government of 180,000,000 of people do

require in our rulers at home a clear vision, a distinct policy, and a complete concert,-in other words, if the Queen's advisers ought to know what they are at, then it is too evident that we have no such security in the present instance. There is no more concert, understanding, fixed purpose, or plan in the Cabinet, than there is in the same number of gentlemen meeting casually in any private room, and it is quite a matter of chance whether they agree or disagree. In any private business this must lead to bankruptcy or ruin, and we see no reason to expect otherwise in the great business of the nation. It appears from their speeches last night that Her Majesty's Ministers did not know a month ago, or even now, in what light to regard the dreadful war we are waging in Onde: whether to consider it a simple invasion, or the suppression of a revolt. They cannot say whether the triple attack on Lucknow, and its final capture, were a succession of violent outrages, or noble achievements in a just and honourable cause . . .

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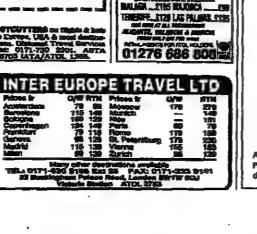
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to allow smoking. "I think that

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to the extreme in the past,"

Nich Stolberg, its chairman,

Meanwhile, American Air-

lines is banning smoking on

all its 238 transatlantic ser-

vices from June 1, "A growing

majority of our customers tell

us they want non-smoking flights, says Hans Mirka,

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world's tallest and longest

upside-down rollercoaster ride

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were unperturbed by a spate

of minor incidents and even

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the way its ageing fleet of 50

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maximum possible time, the company was able to offer a

ticket from Washington to

Atlanta for £72 compared with

its mainline rivals price of

£245. And that, it seemed, was

all that mattered. Not only to

the passengers; shareholders too loved the airline as Valujet's profits soared. Since low-cost flights first

appeared in the US in 1988 the

number of passengers flying on the routes has tripled from

about 33 million to over 100

million. According to the US

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Now airlines in Europe are

beginning to look enviously at

their success and introducing

similar "no-frills" flights with

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Rebirth of the Caribbean

BY TONY DAWE

ONE of the Caribbean's most exquisite resorts has reopened as the region continues its struggle to repair the damage inflicted by the Hurricanes Luis and Marilyn which tore through several islands last September.

Cap Juluca hotel on the British island of Anguilla has spent nearly £7 million on a renovation programme which included reconstructing its mile-long, white-sand beach, replanting much of the 179acre site and repairing all the

roofs of its properties. A dredger spent five months oumping sand from the bottom of the bay in front of the hotel back on to the beach. Charles Hickox, the hotel's managing director, said: "The scale of this operation has been enormous and no expense was spared in returning

Cap Juluca to its former beauty.
"Once the sand was back in place, beach access fairways were reconstructed on more than 70 pilings, and 75,000 stabilising plants were also

Cap Juluca, voted one of the world's top tropical resorts by Conde Nast Traveler, is the last leading hotel to reopen on Anguilla but several smaller ones remain closed, their windows boarded up and stairs to the beach lurching crazily into

the air. The story is the same elsewhere in the Caribbean. On Antigua, which took the full force of Hurricane Luis, some hotels reopened for Christmas while others are still

rebuilding. Bettina Mourier, manager of Galleon Beach near Nelson's Dockyard and popular with British visitors, said: "We took our first guest after the hurricane on December 23 but it was a real struggle to be open by then. Cottages on the beach were devastated; I lost my own home half way up the

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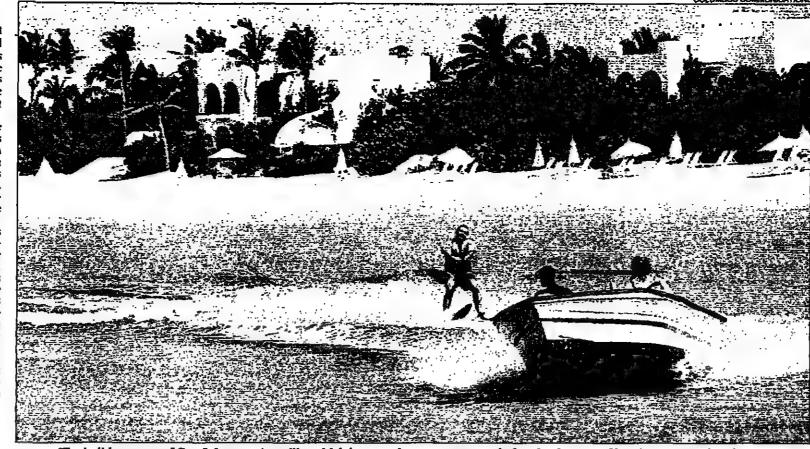
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The holiday resort of Cap Juluca on Anguilla, which has now been reconstructed after the damage of last September's hurricanes

hillside and much of the resort was covered in mud, debris

and fallen palms." At Galley Bay on the western side of the island the devastation was even greater and the hotel still faces a battle to be ready for the next winter season. Further north on Nevis the worst damage was caused by Hurricane Marilyn, which came ten days after Luis and sent tidal waves

crashing into beach homes. The Four Seasons hotel also employed a dredger for several weeks to rebuild its part of the famous Pinney's Beach. Inland the effect of the hurricanes were less severe. James Milnes Gaskell owner of the Montpelier Plantation Inn.

where the Princess of Wales has staved, said: "We suffered some structural damage but the worst effect was that holidaymakers in Europe and North America assumed that the entire Caribbean had been devastated and it was difficult to persuade them otherwise."

Jane Roche, marketing manager of Simply Caribbe an, the Harrogate-based tour operator which features dozens of hotels in the region. said: "I am delighted to see that Cap Juluca and so many other hotels have recovered so well from the hurricanes. We visit all properties in our brochure regularly and can advise customers on exactly how the resorts are fairing."

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First class passengers get a free trip to Paris

By Jonathan Prynn, transport correspondent

THE first of an expected flood of cut-price deals on the highspeed Eurostar trains was launched yesterday with an offer of free trips to Paris and Brussels for first class

passengers. From yesterday, purchasers of premium or business first class return tickets from Waterloo or Ashford stations are entitled to claim a free standard class return ticket for

later travel. These, in turn, can be upgraded to a first class return on payment of a 550 supplement. The tickets are valid to Lille and Calais as well as the French and Belgian

capitals. The only restriction on the free tickets is that the seats must be booked at least seven days before travel and the trips have to be completed by December 31. The tickets are fully transferrable.

Richard Edgeley, managing director of European Passenger Services (EPS), said: "The free ticket offer provides an

instant reward for our thousands of regular travellers.

"We hope it will encourage new customers to see for themselves why Eurostar is the obvious choice for business travel to Paris or Brussels.*

The deal is certain to be followed by a wide range of ticket offers and promotions as London & Continental Railways (LCR) completes its takeover of EPS, the British arm of Eurostar, from the Government. The handover was given the green light by Brussels last month when European Union officials bestowed their approval on the £1.4 billion subsidy that will be given to

Although the formal transfer of ownership is not expected to take place until the start of next month, senior LCR personnel have already taken over a number of the key jobs

Responsibility for the longexpected overhaul of Eurostar's marketing is being left

largely to Virgin, one of the six shareholders in LCR. Innovations are likely to include much cheaper lowest fare tickets to fill seats on the trains, and a wider range of classes. These are expected to be announced on Tuesday.

Although Eurostar is now widely acclaimed as a technical success, many trains, particularly on the Brussels service, continue to run less than one third full. On some poorly used services, one half of the train is now "closed down" rather than passengers and staff being thinly spread around throughout its 18 carriages.

Eurostar is believed to be losing up to £200 million a year and LCR is committed to stemming the losses within two years of taking it over. Regional Eurostar services from Scotland and the north of England start later this year. replacing the near-empty InterCity link trains that EPS has been running in their

Travel Business HARVEY ELLIOTT the aircraft are operated. Instead they are using the latest

technology to reduce the costs of selling tickets. Typical of the new entrants is Airjet, a French airline operating a business-class only service twice a day between London City airport and Paris. Passengers buy a smart card which is "loaded"

with credits for a given number of flights. No ticket Is needed and the card is read by a machine at the airport which prints a boarding card and deducts one of the credits. Other airlines, such as Easyjet and Richard Branson's new acquisition Euro-Beigian, are

following suit Richard Branson sald last week that the days of "over-priced air travel are over" and that Virgin Express tickets would cost around a quarter of existing

Now British Airways is to experiment with a pilot scheme between Gatwick and Aberdeen this summer which will do away with paper tickets. BA does not believe in smart cards yet but will enable passengers on the route to use their credit cards to print out a boarding card at the airport.

The changes are happening at lightning speed. But the bedrock on which the entire aviation industry is built is customer confidence. And if 'cheap" ever becomes synonymous with "dangerous" in the travelling public's mind the whole concept may be threatonce told me: "If you think safety is expensive - try having an accident."

Airport rail link will ease the way into New York

FROM QUENTIN LETTS IN NEW YORK

TRAVELLING to New York should be easier in future, following the approval of a long-overduc rail link for the city's JFK airport. The New York Port Authority has approved a \$1 billion plan to build an elevated rail track

which will connect the busy airport to New York's subway systems. The airport stands 15 miles east of Manhattan and since its opening in 1948 there have been 20 attempts, all frustrated, to build a rail

The absence of a rail line to the airport has long discredited New York's claims to be a

popular tourist destination. Air passengers faced an irritating bus ride or a \$30 taxi fare and the journey, through heavy traffic and over ill-paved roads, did nothing for the Big Apple's image. Kennedy Airport is often rated one of the worst by international

travellers. Officials suggest, perhaps optimistically, that the rail link will be ready by 2001 and \$25 million has already been identified for prelimi-

nary works. Certain aspects of the scheme have yet to be agreed, such as the fact that the plan currently necessitates a train change in the heart of the city's Queens borough - no place for ingénues to be wandering alone with laden bags. The



The Big Apple: A new rail link is welcome

Port Authority intends to raise the money for the railway from current charges on air travellers. The only obstacle now faced by the project is the approval of the airlines who have a say over the use of such moneys and who have in the past been difficult about funds being spent on anything but improvements to

Few takers for the flying bedrooms

AIRLINES who operate ultra long range Airbus A340 jets built by Airbus Industrie – the European rival to Boeing – can now install a flying bedroom to ensure that passengers get a good nights sleep on very long flights. Harvey Elliott writes.

By lowering the floor of the cargo compartment, Airbus has been able to design a range of optional lay-outs for the bedroom which range from a ten-bed dormitory to a cosy twin-bedded "honey-

moon suite". Mock-ups of possible designs for the bedroom are now being shown to potential customers at the Airbus headquarters in Toulouse, but so far no one has ordered the modification.

Virgin and some Arab carri-

ers are thought to be consider-ing the possibility of fitting at least one of their A340s with bedrooms but most airlines believe that the additional cost, the loss of valuable cargo revenue and the higher fares which would have to be charged for the bed would be prohibitive.

An Airbus spokesman said: "The beds are arranged in bunks but are wider than normal and are particularly comfortable. Although obviously the twin-bedded room would be idea! for honeymooners we could not install a double bed."

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Britons plucked to safety

Four Cambridge graduates were enjoying their first night of freedom since January after a dramatic rescue operation, partplanned by the SAS, released them from a rebel camp in the Indonesian jungle.

Special forces slid down ropes from helicopters to rescue the quartet and five other hostages after a five-day chase across some of the most rugged terrain in the world. Two Indonesians were still being held by the fleeing kidnappers Pages 1, 5

MI5 called to combat housing fraud

MI5 could become involved in operations to counter housing benefit fraud, which is costing the taxpayers up to £2 billion a year. A 120-strong investigative team will also be set up in London, where the problem is worst, and 19 million people are to be issued with plastic payment cards.....Pages 1, 4

Beef hopes

Ministers voiced hopes that the ban on British beef would be eased next week in spite of a suspension of talks in . Page 1 Brussels.

Church dispute

Lord Runcie, the former Archbishop of Canterbury, blew apart the Church of England's uneasy truce on homosexuality when he condemned its present stance as "ludicrous".

Chirac plea

President Chirac appealed to MPs to support monetary union and urged Britain not to exercise its right to opt out

Vicar accused

A Church of England vicar and his churchwarden stole church funds totalling £7,Z/5 which they funnelled into a secret bank account, a Manchester court was

Shipwreck memories

An eyewitness account of endurance among the survivors of a British shipwreck in the Indian Ocean 73 years agao has surfaced at a London saleroom......Page 7

Heritage action

Conservation and care of Kenwood House and its priceless collection of Old Masters is to be improved after accusations that English Heritage is neglecting the 18th-century building on Hampstead Heath.....Page 8

Libraries cut books

Public libraries are increasingly buying sound recordings and videotapes instead of books to satisfy the changing tastes of borrowers. They lend 10 per cent fewer books than four years agoPage 11

India challenge

India's hardline Bharatiya Janata Party, which is feared by Muslims, has been invited to form a government and prove that it can survive a confidence vote in parliament .. Page 12

Dole surprise

Bob Dale took the dramatic step of resigning the Senate seat he has held for 27 years in order to devote all his energy to his floundering presidential campaign. . Page 13

Mandela fight

Nelson Mandela, who endured 27 years imprisonment, is under increasing pressure in South Africa and internationally to press for the release of 19 jailed Ogoni activists in Nigeria Page 13

Gestapo story

The first witnesses in the trial of Erich Priebke said that the former SS captain had used brutal interrogation methods at Gestapo headquarters in Rome.... Page 14

Elementary, monsieur Was Sherlock Holmes really French? An exhibition exploring this unlikely question opened in

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Hemingway's unrequited love

Lord Attenborough told the Cannes Film Festival about his £26.5 million film. In Love and War, concerning Ernest Hemingway's unrequited love for a nurse who looked after him when he was wounded in the First World War. He said that the Henry and Catherine Barkley in A Farewell to Arms... Page 9



Bernadette Chirac, flanked by John and Norma Major, listens to her husband speaking to Parliament yesterday. Page 2

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Jobs: The Government proclaimed Britzin's unemployment as the lowest in any major European country after the number of people out of work and claiming benefit fell to a five-year low Page 2S Supermarkets: Colin Smith, chief

executive of Argyll Group, revealed that the supermarket group is changing its name to Safeway and predicted a year of "short-term violent price skirmishes"...... Page 25 Power battle: PowerGen is set on a

collision course with the industry regulator fuelled by anger over the Government's blocking of its bid for Midlands Electricity Page 25 Markets: The FT-SE 100 rose 16.5 to 3776.2. Sterling fell from 84.7 to 84.5 after falling from \$1.5160 to \$1.5131

and to DM2.3205 ...

Football: Manchester United are thought to be close to signing Alan Shearer, Blackburn Rovers' England international striker. The transfer fee is believed to be in the region of £10 million...... Page 48 Golf: The Benson and Hedges International Open, which starts today at The Oxfordshire, is the first European tour event of the season in Britain Page 48

Cricket: Tony Cross, vice-chairman of Warwickshire, has emerged as favourite to succeed Alan Smith as chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board...... Page 46

Rugby union: Harlequins have attracted a further E3 million cash injection which will make them as well-prepared as any club in England for professionalism - Page 43

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Kids' stuff? Much discussed because of its depiction of sex apparently involving teenagers, Kids opens this week, "Monotonous, unedifying and close to exploitative," says Geoff Brown ...

Trisha moves in: American choreographer Trisha Brown brings her company on a British tour with a remarkable new piece set to Bach's Musical Offering....Page 37

man remembered: The varied work of the late Derek Jarman. both as film-maker and artist, is surveyed in a fine retrospective at the Barbican.

New on CD and video: Among the new classical recordings reviewed today is Pierre Boulez's invigorating account of Mahler's Sixth

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Melting moment: Meeting a screen

Rebirth: One by one the beautiful Caribbean resorts are reopening, having been repaired after the damage done to the region by the two hurricanes...

Art world: Sarah Bradford on Violet's passion; Sean French on journalistic scrapes; Roy Strong studies Lutyens style: Howard Davies lunches on the grass.. Pages 38. 39

Spain", has been raised by Joe Bossano, any of the other two political parties standing for election in Gibraltar could have adopted it. When every single candidate stands for hostility to Spain, the hopes for a negotiated solution to

Taking off: Why, after 25 years of modelling, is Jerry Hall to be photographed in the nude? Page 17

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sors to John Major after an election defeat who could probably hold the party together. Anyone in the range between Chris Patten and John Redwood could probably do so. There is also the possibility the Tories will move straight to William Hague. . Page 18 MAGNUS LINKLATER

Forensic science is not yet, may

never be, 100 per cent reliable. Politicians, police and lawyers should not act as if it were. Instead they should understand its limitations. That is the first step towards using. it intelligently, rather than dancingto its tune.

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What all of us went back to was the pleasures of what the IT people call "linearity, demarcation and fixity". In other words - books Page 18:

Serge Chermayeff, architect: the Right Rev Forbes Horan, Bishop of Tewkesbury, 1960-73; Major-General Sir Christopher Welby-Everard, GOC Nigerian Army,

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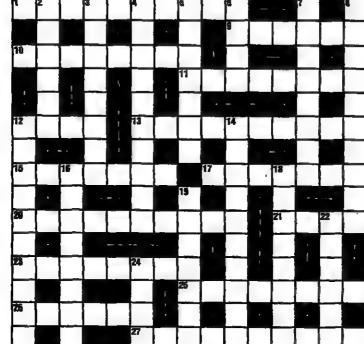
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- 17 A number having force (7). 20 How I use the faulty power point

15 Hippy doctor gets work abroad (4-

21 Failing to make five diamonds (4). 23 Easy-going youth, one coming in second (4-4).

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- 25 More is to get developed, providing maximum accommodation

 - 27 See retired engineer take a look,

2 Stars fail to turn up (6).

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- 3 Pardon mel It's wrong to mention famous friends (4-4). 4 No honours handed out for this
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- pilots (4.6). 12 10 fish, with batter (10). 14 Fellow with important job? Just
- 16 Master includes one trap in exam 18 Pay-outs I have seen as creating discord (8).

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19 Notice young animal rising and stiffening (7). 22 Modest about expedition (6).

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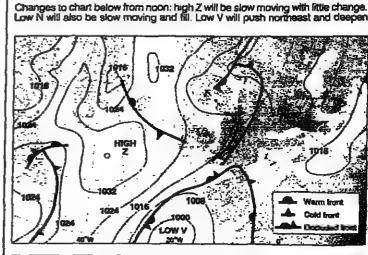
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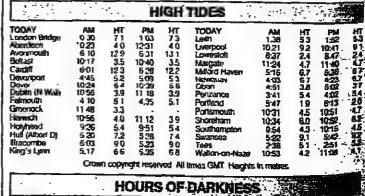
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Barings chief apologises for Leeson fraud

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THE most senior directors in charge of Barings at the time of the £860 million crash, yesterday issued a public apology over their failure to spot Nick Leeson's fraudulent trading in the Fee Feet lent trading in the Far East money markets. But they dismissed as "gro-

tesquely absurd" and "a fan-tastical idea" the suggestion that they had conspired to cover-up Leeson's activities to gain large personal bonuses.

Speaking at the outset of an often acrimonious two-hour appearance in front of the Commons Treasury Select Committee, Peter Baring, the former chairman, told MPs: "It goes without saying that all of us involved in the management of Barings prior to its insolvency deeply regret the damage to investors in the debt and preference capital of Barings and to the Baring Foundation, the anxiety for staff and the disruption to the

In spite of repeated questioning from Labour and Conservative MPs, Mr Baring refused to say who he thought was to blame for failing to spot

POWERGEN set itself on a

collision course with the

industry regulator yester-

day, fuelled by its anger over the Government's blocking

of its bid for Midlands

The generator cast doubt

on the sale of power stations

it is obliged to dispose of to

open up competition in the

market, until it gets regulatory assurances on how it

can operate. Ed Wallis, chief

executive, said: "We don't

doubt that the veto was a

political decision. Now we

want regulatory certainty

and some idea of how we

are allowed to expand the

The company also said that it would stick to plans to

buy a regional electricity

business, or make another

sizeable acquisition, rather

than deplete its buying pow-

er by offering large-scale

It said yesterday that it

million on a share buy-back

of up to 10 per cent of its

equity. This will be paid for

by the company's sale of its stakes in Midlands and the

said that buying a regional company could still be on

the cards, given a shift in

political and/or regulatory

stand-off on the power sta-

tion sales to Eastern Group.

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that Leeson was a fraudster. He said: "I know who I think is responsible but it is not for me to make that judgment."

When it became clear in late February last year that the 233-year-old merchant bank had gambled away more than twice its capital, Mr Baring said: "It was the last thing I expected. It was absolutely inconceivable." He added that there were "no other criminals" involved in the Barings debacle other than Leeson.

Mr Baring, 60, who was also speaking on behalf of Andrew Tuckey, his deputy, Peter Norris, former chief executive officer, and Geoffrey Barnett, previously chief operofficer, continued: or deception which corrupts the systems of a business is impossible to avoid completely; examples occur regularly. It is clear that Barings' controls were inadequate to discover Leeson's

activities until too late. We believe that the changes designed to create an integrated investment banking group within Barings, though in

sale to Eastern

PowerGen takes were not matched or hedged. stand on station

the SFA investigation.

After the meeting, Sir Tom Arnold, chairman of the House of Commons commit-

child, the electricity regulator, made it clear after the tee that is conducting its own blocking of PowerGen's bid Barings' inquiry, said he for Midlands, along with thought that MPs would want that of National Power for to call the SFA as well as the Southern Electric, that he Bank of England. wanted a speedy disposal of the stations. He made the initial order for their disposal two years ago. His office said yesterday

that no communication had been received from Power-Gen. Eastern said that it was confident the sale would go The generator may also

Professor Stephen Little

sell Kinetica, its gas business. The company, jointly owned by Conoco, is exposed to costly take-or-pay contracts, and last year PowerGen took a E37 million charge against its stake. Mr Wallis said that PowerGen will look at a sale or renegotiation of the con-

tracts as a priority. PowerGen's pre-tax prof-its for the year to March 31 would spend about £400 flattered by £121 million in exceptional credits. These came from unneeded provisions, such as amounts laid aside for environmental re-National Grid. Mr Wallis quirements, and a discount-

ed sum for litigation. Without exceptionals, pretax profits improved 4 per cent to £566 million. The final dividend, payable July 31, was set at 14.5p, making a PowerGen risks a fresh Monopolies and Mergers total of 2lp, up 40 per cent. Commission inquiry over its

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ceived, helped to provide the environment in which Leeson's dishonesty remained undetected for too long."

The former chairman, who told MPs he earned £1.25 million in 1993, while Mr Tuckey received £1.95 million, largely based on Leeson's bo-gus profits, said that until the Kobe earthquake on January 18/19 last year the losses clocked up by the rogue trader "would not have caused insolvency had they been identified".

Mr Baring, who has agreed with the Securities and Futures Authority, the watchdog responsible for brokers and futures dealers, never to work in the City again, said that Barings had previous experience of making high profits for relatively low risk in certain parts of its banking empire.

He added that the merchant bank's management were not surprised at Leeson's apparent success, but concluded 'none of us believed this business would last".

Mr Tuckey, who appeared beside his former chairman, said that the Barings Futures (Singapore) operation had strict instructions not to maintain overnight positions that

Committee members spent the allotted two hours questioning Mr Baring and Mr Tuckey and had to postpone calling Mr Norris, who last week was banned from senior SFA registers for three years. plus £10,000 costs, and Mr Barnett, the only one of the four executives exonerated by



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Argyll takes Safeway name

COLIN SMITH, chief executive of Argyll Group, yestersupermarket group is changpredicted a year of "short-term violent price skirmishes" among food retailers.

Mr Smith said: "The sector is fiercely competitive but there is a much clearer necking order, in that everyone knows where the price differentials are. Although there will be short-term violent price skirmishes, as there were last year, we do not expect any fundamental changes in pricing." Last year, there were flurries of price cuts in certain

nanas, and this has continued renewed price war on baked Mr Smith made his re-

marks as he unveiled a 7 per cent rise in profits before tax exceptional items to £401.2 million in the year to March 30. Sales rose 5 per cent to £6.5 billion, with like-forlike sales at the Safeway chain rising 7.8 per cent. Like-forlike sales, excluding petrol, rose 6.1 per cent in the first few weeks of the current year.

Mr Smith said the group was changing its name to Saleway, reflecting the divest-

ment of non-core assets during the year and the desire to As a result, the group intends to rebrand its 106 Presto stores as Safeway outlets over the next 18 months at an estimated cost of up to £7 million. Presto, which was the group's original food retailing business, is based in the North-East and Scotland. The final dividend is lifted from 8.1p to 8.7p, making 12.75p for the year, up from 12p. The dividend is due on August 5. The shares fell 3p to

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C&W ends long search for new chief executive

BY ERIC REGULY

CABLE AND WIRELESS Telecom. Mr Brown said he ment uncertainty with the appointment yesterday of Richard Brown, a veteran of the American telecoms industry, as its new chief executive.

Mr Brown is to be paid a basic annual salary of £650,000, against his prede-cessor's £400,000, and a performance bonus that could be worth another £650,000. He will also receive share options valued at £2.6 million.

Despite the collapse of merger talks with British

buyer for C&W. Instead, he would attempt to build through commercial links with other telecoms operators.

Mr Brown, 48, replaces James Ross, who was ousted in November along with Lord Young of Graffham, the chairman. Rod Olsen, who has been acting chief executive. is to become deputy chief executive with responsibility for the Asia-Pacific region.

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Hinchliffe waits on DTI action

STEPHEN HINCHLIFFE. the flamboyant businessman who has built up a 1,000-shop retail chain in just two years. will learn today if he has to fight moves to disqualify him as a director.
The Department of Trade

and industry is due to start proceedings to disqualify him as a director after a report by the liquidators of En-tout-cas. a tennis court maker that collapsed in 1994. Mr Hinchliffe's Chase In-

vestments sold En-tout-cas, by then renamed Boxgrey, in a £1 collapse. This was enough to cover a loan from Chase to A spokesman for Mr Hinchliffe said the action was

"rubbish" and refused to talk

in detail until proceedings are Mr Hinchliffe's Facia group owns some of the high street's best known names, including



Hinchliffe: besieged

Dead. But in recent weeks it has had to deal with its landlords sending bailiffs to some of its shops, a qualified audit report on one of its company's accounts, prosecutions for late accounts at Facia. and is now trying to raise extra finance in London, New York and Frankfurt.

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Pay growth disappoints the City

BY JANET BUSH CORRESPONDENT

MODEST but unexpected

The Treasury played down the implications for inflation. Officials noted that 3.75 per cent earnings growth is still very low, compared with, for example, an average of 9.75 per cent in 1990. They also noted that the small upward movement in earnings growth appears to reflect a rise in pay settlements last autumn of about 0.5 per cent since levelled off.

THE Government yesterday

acceleration in average earnings growth disappoint-ed the City yesterday and was seen as ruling out a further cut in base rates. The Office for National Statistics said that average earnings growth in the year to March was 3.75 per cent. February's 3.50 per cent and January's 3.25 per cent were revised upwards by 0.25 per cent.

of 11 per cent but lower than in

Unemployment total falls to five-year low

proclaimed Britain's unemployment as the lowest in any major European country after the number of people out of work and claiming benefit fell to a five-year low. Although the 3,200 drop in

easonally adjusted claimant unemployment was less than expected. Whitehall believes that a range of special factors may have affected the latest month's figures, and it is sticking to its view that unemployment is continuing to fall by about 10,000 a month.

The figures prompted Opposition accusations that the decline in unemployment is petering out. However, ministers cited new figures from Eurostat, the European Commission's statistical arm. showing that unemployment in Britain, at a rate of 7.8 per cent, is now not only well below the European average

Germany, France, Italy and Attacking over-regulation of the labour market, Eric Forth, the Employment Minister, said: "This Government does not erect such barriers to jobs. As a result, we have more of

our people in jobs and fewer

out of work than any other

major European country." Michael Meacher, Shadow Employment Secretary, said that the smaller than expected fall "shows that the decline in unemployment is rapidly petering out", and said that Government-promoted changes in the labour market were leading to a lack of

demand in the economy, which threatened to throw the country back into recession. For the first time, the Govemment published an economic assessment of the monthly

figures, which suggested that

the labour market was contin-

uing to improve. Although it

admitted that recently monthfigures have been "variable", it said that "activity in the labour market remains high, employment is growing and unemployment falling".

Figures from the Office for National Statistics showed that seasonally adjusted un-employment fell in April by 3,200, to 2,183,500. Unadjusted, "headline" unemployment fell by 6,880, to 2,223,919. Adjusted unemployment was at its lowest since April 1991.

However, while male unemployment fell by 5,500, female unemployment rose by 2,300. Six regions of Britain mainly in the South - saw unemployment fall, but it rose in five other, mainly northern.

Whitehall officials cited special factors that may have adversely affected the figures. including an earlier count date, an end-of-year effect and the BSE crisis.



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New deal for Serps losers

BY ROBERT MILLER

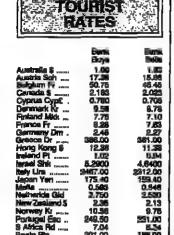
BRITAIN's biggest banc-assurers yesterday promised to waive future personal pension charges worth millions of pounds for up to 200,000 people who lost money by opting out of the state earnings related pension scheme

The announcement yesterday by the Bancassurance group of the British Bankers ssociation, which includes NatWest, Lloyds TSB and Barclays, coincided with the publication of research conducted by the Securities and Investment Board (SIB), the City's most senior watchdog, into the 5½ million people who contracted out of Serps and into an appropriate per-

The SIB, which estimates a total Serps bill of up to £38 million, said that a number of other life offices, such as the Prudential, Legal & General and Commercial Union, had joined the bancassurers in agreeing to waive future flat-

rate policy charges.
The GMB, Britain's largest general union, yesterday how-ever disputed the SIB figures. Bill Day, GMB's pensions officer, said: "Our advice is that 2.75 million people have been wrongly advised to opt out of Serps. This is not an insignificant problem and the SIB should stop trying to sweep it under the carpet."

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Raymond Edwards, chairman, and John Ross, chief executive, of Charles Sidney, the Mercedes Benz motor distributor, yesterday celebrated a rise in half-year pre-tax profits from £1 million to £1.7 million and in half year dividends from 1.3p to 1.4p our of earnings up from 3.8p to 4p

Clinton prepares for sanctions war with China over \$2bn piracy

FROM MARTIN FLETCHER IN WASHINGTON

THE Clinton administration yesterday put America on collision course with China by naming \$3 billion worth of Chinese imports that will face prohibitive sanctions unless China immediately ends its piracy of US music, films and computer software.

China now has 30 days to satisfy Washington's demands the largest threatened - take effect. Peking has relented in similiar circumstances in the past but this time it is vowing to spark a multibillion-dollar

Sino-American relations are

BRITISH PETROLEUM has decided to

pull out of Alliance Gas, the joint venture

gas marketing company owned by BP. Statoil and Norsk Hydro. The existing

business, which controls 12 per cent of the

industrial and commercial gas markets in

the UK, will be divided between BP Gas,

owned by British Petroleum, and Alliance

Gas, of which Statoil will be the sole

owner. Norsk Hydro is leaving the

The new businesses will begin trading

already inflamed over China's recent bullying of Taiwan and export of dangerous nuclear and missile technologies to Third World countries but President Clinton is anxious to rebut Bab Dale's election-year charges that he is soft on China. Yesterday's announcement came after the breakdown of two days of lastditch talks in Peking.

US negotiators complained that Peking had not adequately complied with a 1995 agreement to end intellectual piracy at about 30 factories in the province of Guangdong, worth an estimated \$2.3 bil-

on August 1, and the customers, staff and owning 10 per cent. However, BP, which

lion annually. China argued it had cracked down, but a State Department spokesman in-sisted US manufacturers were still "being ripped off".

A list of about \$3 billion

worth of Chinese imports mostly textiles and electronics - that will face tariffs of 100 per cent or more has been published but will be pared down to about \$2 billion, roughly equal to the economic harm being claimed by US companies, by June 15.

The sanctions are targeted to hurt Chinese governmentowned factories and should please key southern US states

BP pulls out of Alliance Gas

By CARL MORTISHED

assets are being divided between the former partners. BP said that it wished to

meet the challenge of the growing new

market for spot gas and the opportunity to

trade gas through the Interconnector to the Continent. BP wishes to achieve

greater synergy with its other energy

businesses by bringing its gas marketing

Alliance Gas was set up in 1992, with BP

owning 50 per cent, Statoil, of Norway,

owning 40 per cent and Norsk Hydro

activities fully under the BP brand."

other nations in Asia. In addition, the list includes \$555 where tentiles are manufactured. The administration's tough stand is also likely to million in clothing from manboost Mr Clinton's ratings in made fibres, \$470 million in the critical state of California. cotton products and \$204 mil-Under the sanctions the lion in other textiles.

ing. China provides 70 per

cent of US silk imports, with

the remaining 30 per cent from Thailand, India and

has ample gas supplies in the UK, is

thought to be keen to secure more direct

access to the market. Currently, Alliance

gets supplies from the market as a whole

premises throughout the UK. It made sales of 1.2 billion therms last year, a

turnover of £315 million.

Alliance currently supplies 24,000

Statoil said that the joint venture had

British Gas

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BRITISH GAS has responded

Spottiswoode, the gas regula-

tor, that the company had

reacted emotionally to her pricing proposals. It is also

seeking reports by indepen-

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The company and the

watchdog are in a consultation

period until firm targets are

set on the pricing curbs for TransCo. British Gas's pipe-

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Spottiswoode, British Gas said it stands by its figures.

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brought it to the top of the independent

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Chinese products would be The \$1 billion in electronic subject to punitive tariffs of sanctions includes \$500 million in telephone answering 100 per cent or more starting on June 17. They will take effect unless China does more machines, fax machines, cellular phones and space heaters, and \$500 million in surf to enforce the 1995 agreement. boards, gymnasium equip-ment and other sporting The biggest single item on the sanctions list is \$750 million in Chinese silk cloth-

Athletic shoes, another major Chinese import, are not targeted, in part because alter-native supplies do not exist.

Luminar valued at £30m

SHARES in Luminar have been priced at 200p each. capitalising the fast-growing theme bar, restaurant and discothèque group at £30

founded in 1987 and now runs a 14-strong Chicago Rock Café chain as well as 18 discos, is raising £10 million through a placing of 5.14 million shares with institutional and

Half the proceeds from the placing will be used to reduce borrowings, with the balance to fund future expansion. Luminar is currently plan-ning three more Chicago Rock Cafés and a nightclub.

By PHILIP PANGALOS

other investors.

Existing institutional and other shareholders are selling 15.7 per cent of the company's enlarged share capital. Mercury Asset Management will have 51 per cent of the equity post-float, while a management team will have a 9 per cent stake and Lazards 6 per cent. Strand Partners are sponsors to the float and dealings are due to begin on

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Half a million apply for Railtrack shares

MORE than half a million people have applied for shares in Railtrack, forcing the Government to boost the small shareholders' allocation from 30 per cent to as high as 50 per cent of next week's £1.9 billion offer. At the noon deadline for the UK public offer yesterday Share Shops had received just over 500,000 valid applications, about a quarter of the 1.9 million who registered for the flotation. The response compares with the one million people who applied for the £4 billion sale of generating company shares last year.

Government advisers said that they were delighted with the response to the low-key marketing campaign for the offer. which has been heavily overshadowed by Labour threats to impose heavy regulation on the company. It is believed that the retail offer was between two and two-and-a-half times oversubscribed. Shares will now be clawed back from the institutional offer to increase the retail allocation to between 45 and 50 per cent. The international offer is also set to be several times oversubscribed, making it virtually certain that the shares will be priced at the top end of their 350p to 390p

Jeens with the Woolwich

THE Woolwich Building Society has filled one of its two top vacancies, with the appointment of Rob Jeens, former finance head at Kleinwort Benson, as its new finance director. But the society is still searching for a chief executive to replace Peter Robinson, ousted in April. Mr Jeens had been finance director at Kleinwort Benson since 1992. He left earlier this year after last year's acquisition of the investment bank by Germany's Dresdner Bank, seeking a post with a UK FT-SE

P&O denies merger

P&O, the ferry operator, has denied that it has specific plans to merge with its main rival after asking the Government to lift restrictions preventing them merging their cross-Channel routes. P&O and Stena, its main rival on the Dover-Calais route, promised in 1974 not to merge their services. Lord Sterling, P&O chairman, yesterday wrote to lan Lang. President of the Board of Trade, saying the restrictions were now redundant after the opening of the Channel Tunnel. P&O tried to have them lifted in February 1993.

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Williams buys in France

WILLIAMS HOLDINGS, the UK conglomerate, yesterday, bought two French companies for £175 million in a move to expand its fire protection business. The purchase of Sicii, France's largest fire protection company, and Sides, a fire and rescue vehicle manufacturer, is William's biggest acquisition since the £380 million purchase of Yale in 1991. The deal will provide Kidde. Williams's existing fire protection company, with wider distribution and greater availability of products. The shares rose 7p to 229p.

Rethink on PPI claim

THE joint administrators of Polly Peck International (PPI) appear to have backed off in their fight to compensate creditors over the activities of Elizabeth Forsyth, jailed last month for handling stolen funds. Deloitte & Touche confirmed that it is considering seeking compensation from SG Warburg Soditic AG, the Swiss company that allegedly paid £400,000 of PPI money to Mrs Forsyth in error. However, the firm has retreated from the threat of action against SBC Warburg, the investment banking group no longer connected with SG Warburg Soditic

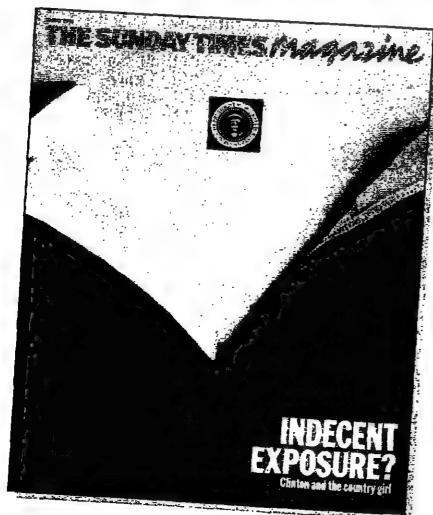
Cash for Harlequins

JOHN and Peter Beckwith, the property businessment, yesterday joined the scrum of financiers investing in rugby with a £3 million injection for Harlequins, the rugby union club. The money will be invested by Riverside Sports, a subsidiary of Riverside health and fitness group. Riverside is majority owned by the brothers who made a fortune with the sale of London and Edinburgh Trust, the property company. The funds will used to invest in the team and provide money for an all-seater stadium at the club's Stoop Memorial ground.

Celltech shares jump

SHARES of Celltech, the biotechnology company, rose 38p to 673p yesterday after advances in two of its most important product development programmes and lower pre-tax losses. In the half year to the end of March, Celltech lost £3.7 million compared with a £4.1 million loss in the previous period, on turnover of £9.5 million, up 32 per cent. The company said tests of an antibody used to reduce inflammation in victims of Crohn's disease were "encouraging" as were tests of another drug for leukaemia patients.

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THE UNDOING OF A PRESIDENT

Either Bill Clinton dropped his pants in that hotel room, or he didn't. In The Sunday Times Magazine, Russell Miller investigates the fall-out from the president's alleged sexual misconduct in 1991

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☐ Options for change at C&W ☐ Littlechild's advice to PowerGen ☐ Guidance, please, for happy retirements

Holding the line for 1997

DICK BROWN was noticeably short of clues yesterday about just what he plans for Cable and Wireless when he arrives in July. As an outside candidate for the chief executive's post he probably does not have much of an idea himself yet. Now might be a good time to give him some help. C&W, after the collapse of merger talks with British Telecom, is having trouble justifying its existence. The American is joining a company that looks like an investment trust but does not act like one.

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He inherits a presence in some 50 countries. Typically, C&W buys a non-controlling stake in the second biggest telecoms op-erator in any given market, such as Optus in Australia, and profits when that company floats or becomes strong enough to put a dent in the main operator.

C&W's problem is partly that this scattergun approach has left it with too many minority positions in too many countries, and partly that it does not known when to leave well alone. Instead of letting the local team decide what is best for their patch, head office insists on parachuting in one of its own to guide them. A true investment trust does not

Mr Brown may decide to stick with the investment trust approach, but doing so would be unwise because conglomerates. are not the most efficient generators of value - or so says the stock market. One choice is to become more of an operator and less of an investor. He could clear out all but the largest and most promising minorities and become more imaginative in what he does with those.

Hongkong Telecom, the biggest company in the portfolio, would be the best place to start. C&W has ruled out selling all or part of it to mainland Chinese interests even though there are plenty of geopolitical pundits who think Swire Pacific was smart in doing just that with Cathay Pacific. There is a big risk that the Chinese will tamper with Hongkong Telecom, but it is one worth taking, Hongkong Telecom is the dominant phone company and Peking probably can be persuaded that the territory's role as a leading financial centre would be jeopardised if it were not left alone.

But C&W should not stop there. Hongkong Telecom sits on the doorstep of the world's biggest potential market and any number of big operators, ranging from AT&T to the about-to-

be-privatised Deutsche Telekom, would love an entry though a partnership or alliance. C&W should try to persuade Peking that linking Hongkong Telecom with other phone groups would enhance the company's value and therefore the attraction of the territory as a telecoms hub. With little more than a year left before the Union Jack comes down, time is running out. Securing Hongkong Telecom's future should be Mr Brown's first priority.

A regulator writes...

CIED WALLIS of PowerGen is scanning the post for a letter that will set his mind at rest. Left at the altar by Midlands, he wants a promise from Stephen Littlechild, the electricity regulator, of his blessing for any future match. Professor Littlechild has been kind enough to indicate his response.

May I at first express my sympathy for your earlier disappointment, even if I did do my PENNINGTON 1



best to bring it about I was unhappy about your merger with Midlands purely on the grounds that the sort of link you proposed went against the structure of the industry I inherited as regulator. That I was one of the people who first created that structure, you may be assured,

had no bearing on my decision. The Government backed my views - a pleasant change, that on rather different grounds.
 We all know that the block on your merger with Midlands by lan Lang, President of the Board of Trade, was a political decision. was aimed at preventing damaging takeovers ahead of an election.

You want a written guarantee from me now that any future

moves you make to enhance your market position will not meet regulatory opposition. I am afraid it would be irresponsible of me to grant your wishes. For a start, I fail to see how your purchase of Midlands and the sale I required of your power

plant are linked. Your own projections show that by the year 2000 you and the privatised nukes will have 17 per cent of the generating market, National Power 21 per cent and various independents will between them control 26 per cent. That sounds to me pretty close to the sort of competitive market in generation that we should have

created six years ago.

Any assurance I give would not, of course, be binding, on me or on any successor to this post, so I am not quite sure what use it would be. In any event, recent events at Ofgas do not much incline me to be generous. Clare Spottiswoode has shown the political capital to be made out of being tough on regulated util-ities. Any show of tenderness now might be my last.

You will have to plough your own furrow on this one, and trust like the rest of us to the mercies of whoever may be running the country at the relevant time. Life goes on, and yesterday's profits statement from you does not suggest it is too arduous.

Apologies for being so blunt. Yours, Stephen.

Pensions mess still in a tangle

☐ IT would be a happy day if yesterday's publication by the Securities and Investments Board on Serps-related personal pension policies drew a final line under the whole ghastly per-sonal pension mis-selling scandal. Sadly not so.

The SIB says it has conducted research into special personal pensions sold by life companies to those tempted to opt out of the State Earnings Related Pension Scheme by Government advertising campaigns of the late 1980s and hugely generous in-centives to do so. As a result of this research, which was doublechecked by Coopers & Lybrand, the SIB has ruled out a full-scale

Serps review. Just as well, given that the inquiry into the millionplus people wrongly advised to shun their occupational pension scheme is bogged down and years behind schedule.

With some notable exceptions, life companies are still up to their old tricks. When confronted with something nasty - in this case a compensation and costs bill of up to £4 billion — the insurers hope that if they stall long enough it will all go away. Wrong. As Sir Andrew Large, the SIB chair-man, made clear yesterday, some tough disciplinary action on the pension review footdraggers can be expected shortly.

More pertinent, however, is what happens now. Both main political parties are publicly committed to making us all do more to provide for a financially comfortable future. And rightly so, given the demographics; Frank Field, never short of common sense on the subject made clear earlier this week his view that the 1950s and 1960s that saw the full flowering of a cradle-to-grave benefits system for all were a historical anomaly.

But what exactly are we sup-posed to do? It would be helpful for a start if we knew how much we should save, and what pittance will come from the State. The first need is for a proper educational campaign to help us

Greenalls hit by fears for FT-SE place

SHARES in Greenalls, the pub and leisure group, took a beating yesterday as fears grew that it could lose its place in the FT-SE 100 index after the next review. Greenalls' shares fell 202p to 5902p. despite a 44 per cent increase in half-year profits to E57 million. Investors are worried that the share price will turnble if the company drops out of the FT-SE 100 and FT-SE index funds sell their stakes.

Greenalis' place in the FT-SE 100 is under threat after the merger of United News & Media and MAI and from the recent flotations of Orange and Railtrack. Greenalls' profits were giv-

en a boost by the inclusion of Boddington pubs, which the

company purchased last year for £500 million. Restructuring is now almost complete and Boddington has added EL3 million profits to the group in the six months to March 29. Greenalls added that it intended to concentrate on or-

ganic growth in the second

half but hoped to make cost savings of El8 million over the year from the integration of Boddington.

Operating profit on continuing operations was up 6.8 per cent to £60.7 million. The hotel and leisure division increased profits by 38 per cent to £16 million, helped by a stong performance by the enlarged branded pubs and restaurants businesses. Sales of food and drink in the division increased by around 13 per cent.

De Vere hotels benefited from the improving market and profits rose 10 per cent to £10.6 million. Occupancy was up 3 percentage points to 69 per cent. The company said it was continuing its exit from three-star hotels and plans sell a further three hotels in the second half. The retailing and wholesaling division increased profits 20 per cent to £21.6 million. The interim is 8 per cent up at 6.22p, payable July 5.

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Shares hit by Arjo pessimism

SHARES in Arjo Wiggins Appleton dipped 4p to 174p after the Anglo-French paper group warned its annual meeting that it anticipated poor" first-half results and an uncertain outlook for the rest

Cob Stenham, chairman, told shareholders that the pessimism expressed March remained valid, with the company facing "a number of difficult issues Mr Stenham said that just

as Arjo was squeezed when the pulp price rose, it should benefit from the current trend of falling prices.

OFT gives warning to

The warning from John Bridgeman, Director of Fair Trading, came after an inquiry into Swebgas in South West England, Last month, when competition began in the re-gion, nearly 3,000 British Gas customers said that they had been wrongly switched to Swebgas or or had been contracted away from British Gas without realising it. Swebgas has satisfied Mr Bridgeman about future practices.

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energy firms

By Christine Buckley THE Office of Fair Trading

sounded a sharp warning to energy companies entering new domestic markets, saying they would face court action if they stepped over the mark on marketing and trading.

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With the approval of our shareholders at the AGM in July, we're changing our name from Argyll Group PLC to Safeway plc. It's a change which, along with the 1995/6 results announced this week, underlines the growing strength of Safeway. Our sales, market share and profit are all growing. And we're leading the industry in making shopping easier for our customers. When it comes to new ideas, Safeway is always one step ahead.

SAFEWAY



Utilities suffer again on Brown's threat of levy

UTILITY companies came under the hammer again after the Labour Party threatened to impose a special levy on them if it gets into power at the next election. Electricity, water and gas suppliers all fell sharply as Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, again raised the possibilty of introducing a special utility levy.

It proved too much for those already under threat of tougher regulatory pressures. PowerGen, which unveiled a reasonable set of figures and promised to buy back its own shares, fell 10p to 537p.

There were also falls in Yorkshire Electricity, 18p to 744p, Southern Electric, 15p to 798p, London Electricity, 12p to 740p, and Southern Water, 7p to 693p. British Gas continued to lose ground, ending 612p easier at 18812p.

The rest of the market again took its lead from Wall Street's bullish mood. The FT-SE 100 index closed near its best of the day, with a rise of 16.5 points to 3,776.2 after the Dow Jones put on nearly 50 points in

early trading.
Bid speculation continued to swirl around Bank of Scotland as the price rose 9p to 258p. On Monday, Standard Life confirmed its 32.2 per cent stake was up for sale. The sale, reckoned to be worth £900 million, could be the prelude to a full bid. The entire company is capitalised at ai-

British Steel shrugged off recent weakness, closing 34p better at 183p after giving a positive presentation to bro-kers in Sheffield. Shell jumped 39p to 939p, with Merrill Lynch, the broker, suggesting the shares could reach 970p in the short term after last week's bumper firstquarter profits news.

A buy recommendation from BZW ahead of next week's figures lifted Courtaulds, the textiles pro-

ducer, l6p to 427p.
Several large lines of stock came on offer, including 4.9 million P&O at 508p, leaving the price 2p easier at 518p. There was also reckoned to be four million Prudential Corporation on offer as the price

siipped 2p to 443p.

Cable and Wireless, the takeover target, fell 5p to 464p after naming the American Richard Brown as its new agonising over the decision. He is currently chief executive



Alistair Arkley of Century Inns, subject of a major placing

of CompuServe. Mr Brown faces the task of steering C&W back on a growth tack after the breakdown of merger talks with BT. City opinion suggests the group has lost its way and is merely drifting.

BT rose 712p to 334p ahead of figures later today. These are likely to be overshadowed by publication next week of Oftel's pricing formula. In the

8 per cent higher. Alastair Grant, chairman, wants to ask shareholders for permission to buy back up to 10 per cent of the shares.

Corporate Services, the employment agency which re-cently bought Blue Arrow. stood out with a rise of 8p at 153p. The shares are continuing to benefit from a recent buy recommendation pub-

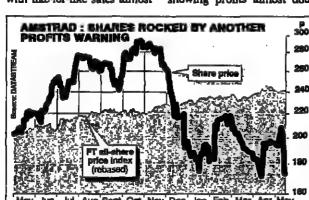
Elecktrowatt, the Swiss group, has disposed of its 40 per cent stake in Eurodis Electron. The 23.6 million shares were placed by UBS, the broker, with 50 institutions at 2200 a share, valuing the entire stake at about £52 million. Eurodis ended 4p firmer at 230p, but the move scuppers talk of a bid.

wake of Ofgas's price formula, there is a concern that BT may be forced to drop prices and

Argyll, the supermarket chain, slipped 3p to 340p with a strong surge in profits and increased sales being countered by news of a reduced margins. Pre-tax profits before exceptional items grew from E175.6 million to E401.2 million with like-for-like sales almost

lished by Henderson Crosthwaite, the broker. It says the Blue Arrow acquisition will enable the group to accelerate earnings growth and maintains the shares continue to trade at a 50 per cent discount to the support services sector.

Century Inns, the pub chain operator, firmed lp to 138p on the back of half-year figures showing profits almost dou-



chunk of the company had changed hands. UBS, the broker, has placed Schroder Venture Capital's remaining 17 per cent stake in Century with a total of 14 institutions. The 6.75 million shares were placed at 133p each.

Century, whose chief executive is Alistair Arkley, came to market via UBS towards the end of last year after attempts at an earlier flotation by Smith New Court had to be pulled when the Office of Fair Trading launched an inquiry into the tied-house trade.

Arjo Wiggins Appleton nursed a fall of 4p at 174p, with Cob Stenham, chairman, confirming City speculation that first-half results from the paper supplier will be disappointing.

A profits warning from Amstrad Consumer Electron-ics left it 32½ p down at 173½ p as more than two million shares changed hands. The group says profits at its Dancali Telecom subsidiary would fail to live up to expectations. It blamed blaming overcapacity in the mar-

et-place. Half-year figures from Greenalls, Britain's biggest pubs operator, offered few surprises but the shares fell 20'ap to 590'ap as marketmakers took action to avoid a large seller of the shares. Commercial Union rose op

to 629p despite a downbeat

talk to brokers after publication of first-quarter figures showing a drop in profits.

GILT-EDGED: Hopes of an imminent cut in interest rates took a knock after the latest unemployment and average carnings information. Prices at the longer end of the market closed near the bottom, with losses stretching to E'a after attempts at a rally towards the close quickly fiz-

In the futures pit, the June series of the long gilt ended E12 down at £106533 as a total of 60.000 contracts were com-

zied out.

In longs, treasury 8 per cent 2015 fell E¹⁷32 to E97³16, while at the shorter end treasury 8 per cent 2000 finished seven ticks off at £102732. NEW YORK: Blue chips moved back into favour on

Wall Street to maintain the strong momentum of five Jones industrial average was 28.81 points higher by midday

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Taking the safe way

THERE is no doubting the strength of Britain's leading food retailers. Given the growth prospects, the sector as a whole is under-rated but the future lies with the big four grocers. Successful inroads into higher margin non-food combined with the decline of the discount retailers augurs well for Britain's superstore owners.

The question is which of the four companies offers the best return. Argyll - henceforth Safeway - is notching up sales gains, stealing market share from rivals, and is well on course to reach its sales per square foot target of £15. But what then?

Profits should grow in the medium term with efficiency gains that help offset the investment in sales through keener pricing. The store opening programme is aggressive at lo for the current year but Safeway, as with neutral and it needs to find a use for its funds. The retailer is priming itself for a share buyback, which could be earnings enhancing up to a share price of about 600p. With a current price of 340p there is plenty of latitude not least because Safeway made a tidy £123 million through the undwinding of cross shareholdings with European retailers. The remaining question remains one of long-term. growth. Rival grocers have developed extra legs - Sainsbury in DIY and the USA, Tesco in continental Europe - but Safeway has yet to venture elsewhere. Safeway shares are trading at about 12 times earnings, a small discount to Tesco. This looks fair and there is still growth in the sector as a whole but Safeway needs a more imaginative strategy to narrow the gap with the market leader.

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PERPETUAL gained a large slug of the new money that flooded into personal equity plans in March, gaining £735 million of new funds during the interim period. Success breeds success in fund management: Perpetual grew its funds under management at a compound rate of 60 per cent from 1991 to 1995. Such a rapid rate suggests that Perpetual's "mountain" logo is more of a volcano and investors may wonder when the explosive growth will

So it is interesting that Perpetual Intends to attack the pensions market, with plans to launch a group money purchase product within 12 months. Perpetual is not losing ground in Peps, rather the contrary, but there are signs that profit margins

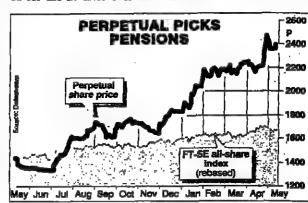
sure. Front-end charges on unit trusts are being sacrificed by several fund managers and annual fees are being trimmed as well.

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petual argue that a good fiveyear performance renders the front-end fee nugatory, given the capital accumulat-

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suggests that sooner or later Perpetual will have a duff year. When that happens, Perpetual may have to think again about charges which is a good reason for it to be thinking about diversi-



Arjo Wiggins

RAIN, snow or shine, the weather is never right for Arjo Wiggins Appleton. When pulp prices are rising, the company finds it difficult to pass on the cost quickly enough. When they fall, demand for its products slips away, and, with it, the price increases that the company had managed to achieve.

Arjo is still feeling the effect of destocking by paper mer-chants who built up supplies last year. Sluggish economic growth on the Continent means demand is weak both for fine paper and for the carbonless paper used for credit card slips.

There is probably little Arjo can do to escape the cycle: it is at the mercy of merchants who keep stocks low when the pulp price is falling in an effort to drive down paper prices further. To make matters worse, been adding capacity, and another 10 per cent is expected to come on stream in Europe this year.

In spite of Arjo's bearish AGM statement, the share market seems to think that the cycle has hit the bottom and is already second-guessing re-covery in 1997. On estimates of £200 million profits, the rating looks modest, at less than II times earnings, but another profit warning can-not be ruled out.

Greenalls

GREENALLS took a battering on the Stock Exchange yesterday for reasons that had little to do with its halfyear results. The company was promoted to the FT-SE 100 after the takeover of Forte by Granada earlier this year, but now finds its position under threat from the merger of MAI and United News and Media and the recent flotations of Railtrack and Orange. Just as shares in Greenalls were lifted by index funds buying into the

company on its entry to the

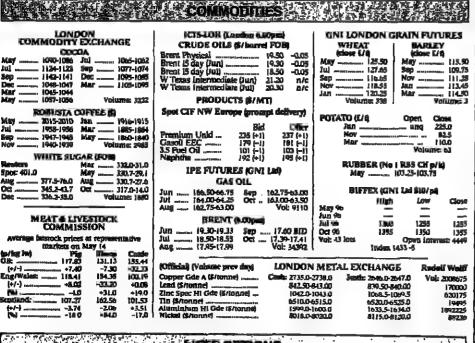
FT-SE 100, so its price was marked down yesterday in anticipation of its relegation.

Greenalls was quick to see that small brewers had an uncertain future, and correctly surmised that food could provide a solution for the struggling pub market. The result has been a healthy rise in both food and drink sales as new customers are attracted to the group's more family-friendly estate. Greenalis also has a location advantage on many competitors in that it focuses on the less highly developed

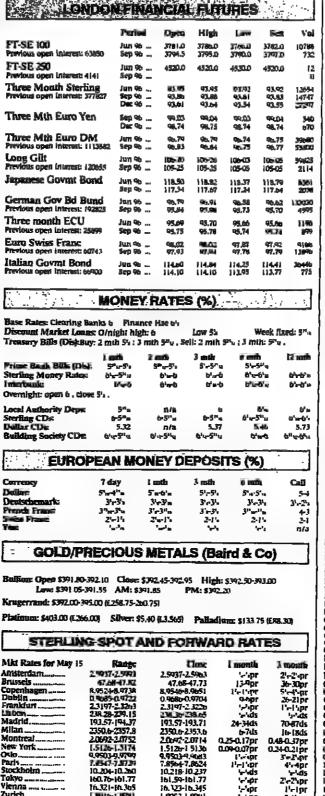
northern region of England. Overall, the business is sound. Greenalls expects cost savings of £18 million from the Boddington pub deal, with further investment planned over the next half year. Yesterday's dive in the share price took the company's rating from a generous ló times earnings to a more realistic 15 times. Shareholders should keep their nerve and wait for the rebound.

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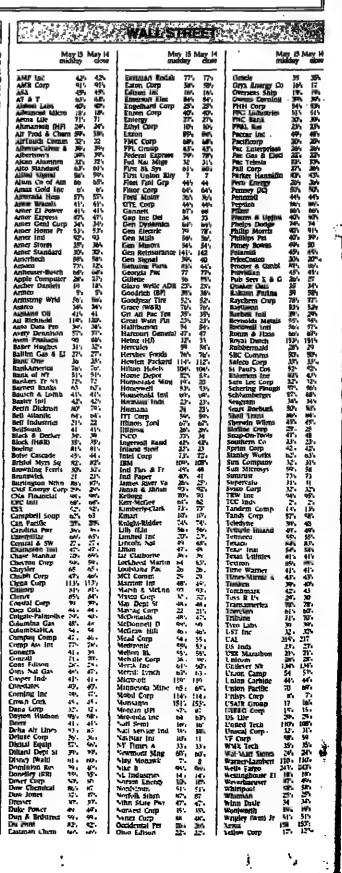
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IoD shows its colours

THANKS to John Gummer, the Institute of Directors' flag is flying high over the organisation's ronment Secretary came to the rescue after the city council judged the area surrounding the building "too residential" to be spoilt by the flag. John Cawdell, county branch secretary, argued that the county council next door was awash with the Uni-Nations, St George's and Union flags. After nine months of deliberation, Mr Gummer's office says the loD's blue and white flag can be unfurled.

Star attraction

SAFEWAY star Harry. who shared the TV screen with a female sidekick for the first time last night, has done wonders for the world of business — but not for the supermarket chain alone. When Jack Hanford, 4, better known as Harry, first appeared in the commercial, Safeway was inundated with calls from viewers wanting to know where to buy the garden seat he happened to be sitting on. Then came callers on the hunt for Jack's jacket, his sheriff's badge ...

Home service

AFTER the BBC refused to renew Peter Hobday's contract, the warm voice of Radio 4's Today programme has found its way on to the stage at the Building Societies Association conference in Birmingham. Next on set after Angela Knight and Angela Rippon, who spoke at the two-day conference yesterday, Hobday will chair a session on home ownership. Why nice Mr Hobday? According to a BSA spokeswoman: "Why not? He'll just do his bit then tootle off."



100 STREET

Hobday: on stage

A GREAT deal of time and interest had obviously been spent on the rather splendid invitations. emblazoned with a pic-ture of Mr Spock from Star Trek, for the launch of the first issue of London City Airport's bi-monthly magazine yesterday. What a shame then that some poor person had to put in extra hours cutting and pasting little labels on to the invites with the correct address.

Low-calorie pop

HEAVYWEIGHTS at BZW and Merrill Lynch are wending their way to Champneys in search of low-calorie champagne. For the first time, the health resort is offering its gravity-challenged guests a chance to knock back their favourite tipple without the fear of taking home a champagne belly. For £45, guests can order a bottle of Laurent-Perrier Ultra Brut to accompany their leaves of lettuce. Formerly known as "Sans Sucre", the drink was popular in the 19th century. To the delight of guests, a smoking room has also been opened.

BETWEEN raising funds for the flotation of British Energy, scheduled for mid-July, Robert Hawley. its elegantly coiffured chief executive has been spotted in Oxford Street. rattling a tin for the Red

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ECONOMIC VIEW



ANATOLE KALETSKY

No place in government for a more powerful Treasury



View points: Gordon Brown, left, Shadow Chancellor, and John Prescott. Labour's deputy leader, who are at odds over the Treasury's future role

n the 20 years. I have spent observing economic policy in Britain. I have found that one working hypothesis is more useful than any other: the Treasury is almost always wrong. I share, therefore, the horror of Gordon Brown's Shadow Cabinet colleagues at his demand that the Treasury should be given even more power under a future Labour government (or should we say over a future Labour govern-

On Tuesday, the case against Mr Brown's demand for plenipotentiary powers was put with admirable clarity by Labour's deputy leader, John Prescott: "I am less sure than some that the track record of the Treasury justifies widening its role to encompass larger economic and social renewal — of it becoming a Super-Treasury." That sentence must qualify as one of the political

understatements of the decade. Chronicles of the Treasury's blunders over the past 50 years could fill an entire library. The most recent I have encountered is a personal retrospective by Sir Alec Cairneross, Chief Economic Adviser and head of the Government Economic Service under both Tories and Labour from 1961 to 1969: Managing the British Economy in the 1960s (Macmillan Press).

The last chapter of this book opens thus: "Like most other decades in British post-war history, the 1960s can be made to seem in retrospect a long series of economic disasters." That sentence could serve as the pithy "mission statement" that Sir Terry Burns, the present Permanent Secretary, has long been seeking for the Treasury, it captures perfectly the attitude of the Treasury in the post-war decades: fatalism about Britain's economic decline, condescension towards anyone who wants to halt it and disdain for the politicians, industrialists and workers (but never Treasury officials)

held to be pulling the country down. The idea that Mr Brown could convert the defeatist, monetarist Treasury into a dynamic super-ministry committed to "long-term economic and social renewal" would have been implausible even in the 1960s. That, of course, was why one of the first acts of the 1964 Labour Government was to shift power away from the Treasury by creating a new Department of Economic Affairs, of which more below. But Mr Brown's touching faith in the adaptabil-

Brown's proposed super finance ministry has alarmed Shadow Cabinet colleagues

It is striking

how rarely the

Treasury's

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ity of Treasury officials is truly atonishing after 17 years of Tory rule. In this time the Treasury has ruthlessly purged anyone not a True Believer in the "basic doctrine" of monetarist economics, which Nigel Lawson rather pompously "enunciated" in his 1984 Mais Lecture: "It is the conquest of inflation, and not the pursuit of growth and employment, which is or should be the objective of macroeconomic policy. And it is the creation of conditions conducive to growth and employment. and not the suppression of price rises. which is or should be the objective of microeconomic policy."

Underlying this "Lawson dichotomy" is Milton Friedman's fundamental principle of monetarist economics - that "inflation is always and everywhere a monetary phenomenon". This vacuous automatically help to create jobs and

statement has never offered any useful guidance to practising policymakers. It was once delightfully rebutted by Henry Wallich. the veteran American central banker, thus: "Inflation is a monetary phenomenon in is a ballistic phenome-

non". Nevertheless. Treasury officials repeat this monetarist mantra at every possible opportunity. even today, although they pay no attention to whatever operational meaning it might have. This is hardly surprising; to repudiate monetarism would be to sacrifice all hopes of promotion. But there is a deeper reason why the Treasury as an institution finds the monetarist doctrine irrestistible. particularly in its Lawson formulation.

The Lawson dichotomy means that the Treasury can never be blamed for high unemployment, low investment or inadequate growth. For most of the "supply-side" policies on skills, entrepreneurship and so on, which are supposed to help the real economy, have nothing to do with the Treasury. On the other hand, the Treasury deserves full credit for controlling inflation, regardless of the industrial destruction its policies on interest and exchange rates

may cause. There is just one supply-side policy for which the Treasury can be held responsible - taxation. And even here the Lawson monetarist doctrine comes in useful in absolving Treasury officials of any possible blame. Monetarists consider taxes to be a critical influence on employment and growth (maybe the critical influence).

But they also insist that the only sure way to help the economy with tax policy is to keep all taxes as low as possible and as flat as possible, so as not to distort incentives (and, incidentally, to minimise any redistribution of income). The implication is that anything the Treasury can do to reduce public spending - and thus taxation - will

> growth. Anything that other departments may want to do to spend public money will ipso facto damage the real economy.
> With this institutional history, it is hard to

imagine how the Treasury could play the positive role in promoting economic growth suggested by Mr Brown. Even a wholesale change of

personnel at the top would not be enough to change the institutional culture. And a purge of the top officials would be much harder to justify in 1997 than it would have been after Black Wednesday - except in the unlikely event that the top mandarins put their personal imprimatur on a fraudulent pre-election Budget.

In any case, it is not at all clear that a finance department whose main func-tion will always be to control public spending and manage the national debt ought to be given greater dominance over economic policy. Even if the Treasury was run by non-dogmatic officials operating with a soundly-based economic theory, there would still be a conflict of interest between its role as guardian of public spending and macroeconomic manager.

Looking around the world, Britain's Treasury, with complete control over taxes, interest rates, public spending and macroeconmic forecasts, is almost unique in its monolithic power. In Germany there are separate ministries of economics and finance. In America, the Office of Management and Budget controls public spending plans, the Treasury manages tax and international policy, the Federal Reserve sets interest rates and the White House Council of Economic Advisers makes forecasts and advises the President on the overall macroeconomic framework. In Japan, the "creative tension" between the Ministry of Finance and the Ministry of International Trade and Industry made a major contribution to the 1960s'

economic miracle of export-led growth. In Britain such "creative tension" is greeted with ridicule or horror. Labour politicians recall with embarrassment the failure of George Brown's DEA. Tories recall the horror the rows between Nigel Lawson and Margaret Thatcher's personal economic adviser. Sir Alan Walters. What everybody seems to forget, however, is that in most of their confrontations with the Treasury, the outsiders turned out to be right. Sir Alan was right to oppose the disastrous exchange-rate obsession of

Lord Lawson. In the 1960s, DEA officials were right to argue against the Treaury and in favour of devaluation. It was no fault of the DEA as an institution that George Brown rejected its advice, and even refused to have it discussed in Cabinet.

In fact, thinking back over the history of economic mismanagement in Britain, what is really striking is not how often the Treasury was wrong. More remarkable is how rarely anyone challenged the Treasury's wrong advice. In this respect, the present Chancellor is an honorable exception. His one really good decision — to refuse a further increase in interest rates in mid-1995 was apparently taken against his Treasurv officials' unanimous advice. But

such robustness is all too rare. Any institutional changes that would allow the Cabinet to hear a range of economic advice and challenge the Treasury view - such as the revamping of the Department of Industry proposed by Mr Prescott — must be welcomed Any changes that make the Treasury more powerful, like the ones demanded by Gordon Brown, must be stopped.

Facia's chief puts on a brave face

Jason Nisse examines the stability of

Stephen Hinchliffe's retail empire

Stephen Hinchliffe is a tall, well-built and physically intimidating man. It is hard to miss his 6ft 5ins frame in a crowd. Everything he does - from buying companies with no apparent source of finance, to taking 50 people on a trip to the pyramids on his birthday, to helping to save Sheffield United Football Club from relegation - he does with a flourish and a determined air.

His career has taken him from leading a management buy-in at Wedes, the furnishing group, when he was just 33, to being questioned by police over a fraud in the West Midlands and his ejection from James Wilkes, the engi-neering group, in the middle of a hostile takeover bid.

On the face of it, he is now years, he has built his Facia group into a formidable retailing chain boasting nearly 1,000 shops, with brand names including Sock Shop, Red or Dead, Saxone and Salisbury's.

But legal manoeuvres by the Department of Trade and Industry could bring his empire of high street stores crashing around his ears. The DTI is due to confirm today that it will begin the process of disqualifying Mr Hinchliffe as a director of UK companies over his role in the collapse two years ago of En-tout-cas, tennis courts and artificial sports pitch

manufacturer. Mr Hinchliffe says he sold

the company before its failure, so it was Apart from not his fault. a small chunk But the buyer. a Jersey of finance, group called Serre. hanhe has no pened to pay apparent backers his company. Chase Invest-

ments, just enough to cover a secured loan from Chase. A court hearing is expected to be set for late July.

if that was not enough, Mr Hinchliffe is facing prob-lems on three other fronts. Another part of the DTI. Companies House, plans to prosecute him because of the lateness of Facia accounts. which should have been filed last November.

Although the maximum fine would be only £5,000. most of the other companies in the group have also failed to file their accounts, and the one set filed - Sock Shop was qualified by its auditors, Deloitte & Touche.

In a long statement, Deloitte & Touche talks about intercompany transactions with other parts of Facia and worries about the support of banks, concluding: "We have not obtained all the information and explanations necessary for our

It also said: "We are unable to determine whether proper accounting records have been kept."

Not keeping proper records is a criminal offence. missed the qualification, saying that it only came because the rest of the group's ac-

counts were not ready.
In addition, Mr Hinchliffe has picked a fight with the landlords of his 1,000-strong chain of stores over when he pays his £48 million annual rent bill. Historically, retailers pay their rent three quarter. Mr Hinchliffe refused because he wanted to pay monthly in arrears. Some landlords gave in, but others threatened to force the company into receivership. and a couple sent round the

Those who would not agree to the new arrangements are being paid normally," said Mr Hinchliffe a couple of weeks ago. In other words, he gave in.

Which brings us to Mr Hinchliffe's third and most pressing problem — money. Apart from a small chunk of finance from Murray Johnstone, the investment house, Mr Hinchliffe has no ipparent backers. His personal fortune is not

massive and he says Facia's purchases are all done "on cash flow and un-

derstanding bankers", adding that the group's debts are only

£10 million. One of those understanding bankers is United Mizrahi, a small Israeli bank, Mizrahi's bank loans have to be repaid by December, and with the rents due and the need to buy stock for the autumn season. Facia is in need of further finance.

A couple of venture capitalists have confirmed that Facia has been to see them. offering attractive deals to finance the company, which Mr Hinchliffe then hopes to nurse to flotation in a couple of years. However, neither found either the deal or the business attractive.

Facia admits no deal has been done on new equity, but says its banks are supportive. Mr Hinchliffe will find out pretty soon.



BUSINESS LETTERS

Employee's breakdown and prospect for flood of litigation on stress at work

From Mr Ben Apfel

Sir, Victoria McKee's comment (article, May 3) that employers must brace themselves for a flood of similar cases" as a result of Northumberland County Council abandoning its appeal in the John Walker case might be an overoptimistic assessment of growth that may occur in this area of litigation.

What is significant is that the council was only held liable for the second breakdown. It was

was directly involved in the

financing of state and occupa-

tional pensions. These days I

have to rely on newspaper

reports to keep pace with

events. I read some weeks ago

that Labour planned to force

everyone out of Serps and

divert what are described as

the Serps contributions into

personal pensions savings.

From Colin Stewart Sir, It is some years since I lation to the first breakdown, have reasonably foreseen that he was at materially greater risk of stress and mental illness than a manager of social services in a busy area would normally be. The council was held to have had complete lack of awareness of Walker's declining health, despite signs that he was under pressure as

a result of his work. The Walker case has followed a trend in earlier cases of making

found that it could not, in re- it relatively easy for an employer to show that it executed its duty of care and so fight off a claim from an employee suing for a first breakdown. To succeed, an employee would have to show that he gave clear indications of his mental state to his employer and that they failed to take any preventative action in response.

The abandonment of the first appeal means that the courts will not have the opportunity of hearing the cross appeal by

Walker in relation to his first breakdown so there will be no clarification in the immediate future of what an employee must prove regarding an employer's awareness of his mental health in a claim for injuries from stress at work. This may well deter the floodgates from opening just yet. Yours faithfully,

BEN APFEL Beale and Company (Solicitors). Garrick House, 27-32 King Street, WC2.

Department).

Labour's plans for Serps need clarification The problem is that Serps surance contributions with the tax system, presumably mean-

contributions are needed to pay for my state pension under the pay-as-you-go system, and the consequence would be that the standard rate of National Insurance contribution would have to be increased to compensate.

ing that employees' National Insurance contributions would be abolished, and income tax increased to compensate. What about pensioners who stopped paying National Insurance contributions when Now it is said that Labour they retired? Will our income plans to merge National In- tax be increased along with

everyone else's? Is that how Labour plans to finance an increase in personal savings by those of working age? I don't say that it would be wrong to do this, but I would like to know the answer. Yours faithfully. COLIN STEWART (formerly of the Government Actuary

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Life profits offset rise in weather claims at CU

A PICK-UP in life sales helped to offset a £35 million increase in winter weather claims at Commercial Union and prompted a 6p rise in the composite's share price to

629p yesterday. In spite of a fall in first quarter profits for worldwide general insurance, down from E97 million for the three months to March 31, 1995, to £64 million this year, life profits increased 13 per cent to £58 million

Overall, CU's pre-tax profit fell to £105 million (1995: £112 million) on total premium income of £2.5 billion (1995:

Meanwhile, CU's rival Gen-

Perpetual lifted by Pep sales

BY PHILLY PANGALOS

BUOYANT stock market conditions and a surge in Pep products and unit trusts helped Perpetual, the fund management group, to a 48 per cent advance in pre-tax profits to £25.2 million in the six months to March 31.

Turnover expanded to £719 million (£545 million), as funds under manage-ment increased by 25 per cent to £5.8 billion, and have since grown to £6.3 billion. Sales of Pep products and unit trusts almost doubled during the period. A new investment trust targeting Pep and institutional investors attracted subscriptions totalling

E172.5 million. A 19p dividend (11p) is payable on July I, from earnings of 62.78p (44.31p) a share. The shares closed at £24.58, up £1.

eral Accident, which reported on Tuesday, put on 14p to 669p, a rise of 23p in two days. amid City speculation that it might redistribute some of its surplus £1 billion "orphan" assets to shareholders. CU revealed that it also had

free assets of £1 billion in its life fund, but effectively ruled out a windfall gain for share-holders. Tony Wyand, execu-tive director, said: "Never is a very strong word but we are very cool about the idea. We do not see a huge reserve of assets that could be ear-

marked for this purpose." Legal & General shareholders are to benefit from a £160 million special bonus payout, and the Prudential has begun talks with the Department of Trade and Industry, which could result in a bumper dividend for investors.

Other insurance companies. including Royal Insurance, are known to be considering

CU also dampened hopes that it might press ahead with a merger or takeover of another insurance company after Royal Insurance and Sun Alliance's announcement of their proposed merger. Mr Wyand said: "Our strategy is very clearly focused on organic growth, expanding the life business, strengthening our European operations and looking for new developments in Asia and Eastern Europe." CU said that it did not

expect large rises in motor or household rates in the UK. There was strong profit growth from Delta Lloyd. CU's company in The Netherlands, where the general in-surance profit increased to £13

million (1995: £3 million). In France, the general insurance result increased to a profit of £11 million (1995: loss £7 million), but in the United States severe winter weather claims cost £24 million more than in the same quarter last year, and led to a loss of £10 million (1995: profit £15



Maurice Keane, of the Bank of Ireland, where pre-tax profits rose almost 14 per cent

Revamp of US operations hits Bank of Ireland's earnings

FROM EILEEN McCabe IN DUBLIN

ALTHOUGH pre-tax profits at Bank of Ireland jumped almost 14 per cent last year, an exceptional charge of Ir£48 million for the restructuring of its US operations resulted in lower than expected earnings.

Yesterday, the bank, led by Howard Kilroy, the governor, Pat Molloy, chief executive, and Maurice Keane, his deputy, revealed pre-tax profits of IrE315.6 million for the year ended March 31 Ir£321.8 million). Earnings per share were down to 41.5p (44.2p). The bank said the merger of its US operation, First New Hampshire, with Royal Bank of Scotland's Citizens Financial Group would also dilute profits in the short term. Mr Kilroy said: "While margins were lower, volume increases generated higher incomes".

Pre-tax profits in the retail division rose 7.5 per cent to Ir £182.9 million. In the Irish Republic and Northern Ireland, deposits and credit balances were up 11 per cent. In the mortgage sector, the bank and the ICS Building Society together achieved a market share of 20 per cent of all new residential mortgages. .

Mr Molloy spoke of a muted outlook for the year ahead. "We have the dilutive effect of the US merger which will wash out after this year. We're also looking at more margin pressure, and we're carrying out the final year of significant re-engineering investments." However, the bank said its £600 million acquisition of Bristol & West and the US restructuring indicated an optimistic view into the medium term.

Sony bounces back into the black

FROM A CORRESPONDENT

SONY CORP, the Japanese electronics group, returned to the black with healthy profits in the latest business year and expects further gains in the current year, thanks to the

strong dollar. The company reported a group net profit of Y54.25 billion (£338 million) in the business year to March 31, reversing a loss on a group net basis of Y293.36 billion in the previous year. That loss included a write-off of Y265 billion in its film group and losses in that group of about V50 billion.

*Every part of our businesses performed well, and we could have achieved the big-gest-ever sales in 1995-96." Sumio Sano, Sony's manag-ing director, told a news conference. Group sales for 1995-96 rose to Y4.59 trillion from Y3.99 trillion a year earlier. The results were in line with an earlier forecast Sony made for a group profit of about YS4 billion.

The conglomerate also said that for this business year it anticipates a 75 per cent rise in group net profit to Y95 billion. while sales are expected to increase 9 per cent to about Y5 trillion yen. The outlook is based on the assumption that the dollar will average Y104 in 1996-97, against Y95 in 1995-96.

Mr Sano, hinting that the company's own outlook is modest, said Sony aims to post bigger than forecast profits in 1996-97. In 1995-96, sales in the electronics business increased 14.8 per cent year-on-year, while its group operating profits from electronics sales jumped 56.7 per cent. Mr Sano attributed this to costcutting efforts, including expansion of overseas production.

He said the ratio of Sony's overseas production to total production rose to 47 per cent in 1995-96 from 42 per cent the year before, and the ratio is expected to climb to 50 per cent in 1996-97.

Sony's sales in the entertainment business in 1995-96 grew 7 per cent year-on-year. Although music software sales in the US market fell from the previous year, film sales improved largely, Mr

BUSINESS ROUNDUP

Coal no longer king at Powell Duffryn

A 100-YEAR association was ended yesterday by Powell Duffryn, the ports and engineering group, when it sold its remaining interests in coal. It blamed its withdrawal on a rapidly changing market after privatisation.

Powell Duffryn Fuels, the coal processor and distributor, went to the division's management in a £3.1 million deal; Powell Duffryn International Fuels, its overseas trading arm, went for a nominal sum to Celtic Energy, which bought most of British Coal's South Wales collieries; and the third sale of a half stake in John Kelly, the Northern Ireland distributor, went to the joint partners for £2.25 million. In the year to March 31, 1995 the businesses brought in £200,000 pre-tax profit but only a breakeven contribution to this March 31.

Chemex advances

CHEMEX INTERNATIONAL, the provider of laboratory services, saw pre-tax profits rise 18 per cent to £83,526, before minority interest in the six months to March 31. Brian Webbe, chairman, said the growth had been achieved in spite of difficult economic conditions throughout the period and adverse winter conditions in the first quarter of 1996. Earnings per share increased 16 per cent to 0.21p. There is no interim dividend but a final dividend is expected.

Century Inns soars 74%

CENTURY INNS, the pub company, reaped the financial benefits of its December flotation as the company revealed a 74 per cent increase in half-year profits to £3.3 million. Century, which raised £22.7 million from the float, said a sharp drop in interest payments helped to boost overall profits. Profits for the six months to March 31, excluding exceptionals, rose 15 per cent. An interim dividend of 1.25p, covering the first three and a-half months since flotation, is payable on August 15.

Tadpole cuts losses

TADPOLE TECHNOLOGY, the computer manufacturer, reduced its pre-tax losses by 71 per cent to £1.7 million for the six months to March 31. The company increased its turnover by 14 per cent as it continued to concentrate on improving manufacturing efficiencies. It is forecasting a reduced second-half loss as a result of "aggressive cost control and prudent cash management". There is no dividend. Losses per share fell from 23.7p to 6.3p. The shares rose 6p to 59p.

Brancote ready to grow

BRANCOTE HOLDINGS, the international mining company, said it has a solid platform for substantial capital growth, in spite of losses increasing to E189,333 in the year to December 31 from £71,083 last year. Richard Prickett, chairman, said the increased losses were in line with forecasts. Fund-raising of £3.24 million has allowed the company to begin work on Australia's Mount Cuthbert Copper Project — its first producing mine.

TeleWest in the red

TELEWEST, the largest cable company, incurred a net loss of £53.4 million in the quarter to March 31, compared with a loss of £17.7 million previously, on turnover that rose 147 per cent to £65.2 million. The deeper loss was down to higher network spending and depreciation charges. The operating loss was £3.7 million, a 24 per cent improvement over last year. Analysts expect the company to finish 1996 with positive cashilow as revenue growth continues to exceed cost growth.

Taxing rights and wrongs

The consensus on the Revenue's

discretion in UK taxation is

under threat, says Simon McKie

n English law the right to tax can only be conferred by clear statutory authority. As Lord Atkinson said in 1925: "It is well established . . . that no tax can be imposed on a subject by an Act of Parliament without words in it clearly showing an intention to lay the burden upon him, that the words of the statute must be adhered to, and that so called equitable constructions of them are not permissible."

Because English law has not generally conferred discretionary taxing powers on the executive, it has not had to develop mechanisms for controlling the use of them.

In the Hardman Lecture in November of last year, David Goldberg, QC, contrasted this English approach to taxation with that of many other European countries. Many continental systems give wide discretionary powers to the revenue authorities which are subject to control by adminis-

trative courts. The past 30 years has seen the traditional approach to taxation in the United Kingdom breaking down. How has that occurred?

Firstly, the increasing com-plexity of commercial life has led to a matching complexity of taxation rules. That complexity has been made worse

Tables turned

on Andersen

by an inevitable political tendency continually to change the tax system and by the failure of our parliamentary system to adapt its procedures.

The cost of resolving uncertainty through the courts is prohibitive. The result is that most taxpayers will accept the Revenue's view of the law whether or not that view is correct. That gives the revenue authorities an enormous practical discretion.

Secondly, the very inadequacy of our parliamentary procedures means that new legislation is subject to less the revenue departments to determine the nature of the rules without effective parliamentary control.

Thirdly, increasingly com-plex legislation gives opportunities for tax avoidance. The revenue authorities have reacted by sponsoring anti-avoidance legislation. If exercised in all possible

circumstances, these wide powers would result in substantial injustice. The revenue authorities therefore decide only to apply these powers where they think the taxpayer is acting illegitimately, giving it a wide discretion.

Revenue Inc is now forming a body to simplify tax legislation, without which this will



Simon McKie sees UK attitudes to tax breaking down

always be complex. The failure to scrutinise legislation properly could be addressed by a review of our parliamen-tary procedure and by much greater openness by the Government. The task of ministers and MPs is to challenge the necessity to make law by regulation rather than under the scrutiny of Parliament. But a government which has been

down at the English ICA.

Leiths, who run the restaurant

in office for a long time begins to see questions through the eyes of its departmental officials. The same process can be seen at work in the expansion

of wide and imprecisely draft-ed anti-avoidance legislation. This year's Finance Bill, as originally drafted, conferred frightening powers on the Customs & Excise to reopen businessmen's tax affairs for

posals still confer powers on the Customs & Excise which are out of proportion to the tax avoidance arrangements which they were ostensibly

introduced to frustrate. In my view, the rush towards an expanded discretion is reversible if Parliament is

determined to do so. Anybody who has dealt with taxation in other European countries will know that in many of those countries tax evasion is rife. These are countries in which general business and professional ethical standards are every bit as high as our own. By contrast, in the UK, on the whole the relationship between the taxpayer and the revenue authorities is good. But there are signs that that relationship is

under strain. The consensus on the standards that should prevail in. making taxation returns and in operating the tax system is beginning to break down. Therefore, both sides have an interest in controlling the expansion of the revenue department's discretion. Otherwise that consensus, the creation of which is a major achievement of British business culture. will be lost.

The Faculty of Taxation held a debate on May 14 on the motion: This house believes that the Revenue has too

Simon McKie is chairman of the ICAEW's Faculty of

ments ahead in their tax division. The headline is "Let the

magazine looks at develop-

Party planning

from Gordon Brown here.

ROBERT BRUCE

Reformers face proxy problems

I APOLOGISE for this, but nitpicking is the tutional review has been announced. A pastorder of the day. As a result, there may be a certain amount of detail to be sifted through. It may not seem useful at first. But the central arguments are, the protagonists claim, about democracy in the accountancy profession. You cannot get more portentous than that.

The problem is proxies. Both the ACCA, the certified accountants' body, and the English ICA are embroiled in disputes over them. Unravelling those disputes may shed some light on why they have come about.

Take the ACCA. At last week's annual gen-

eral meeting, five new members of council took their seats. Three were from overseas. Overall, ten members of council were elected. The problem, from the ACCA's point of view, was that none were Prem Sikka or other members of the self-styled "reform group" despite almost double the number of people voting compared with last year. Needless to say, Sikka is crying foul. And this is where proxies come in. Of 5,095 votes cast, more than 700 were proxies given by mem-

bers to the president to cast. This, says Sikka, is outrageous. Bumping into him in the slightly incongruous surroundings of the English ICA library soon afterwards revealed his fury. He was threatening to have an early day motion put down in the Commons, and to write to the Privy Council. The problem is that he sees proxy voting as a plot against him and an outdated procedure which only the ACCA uses. He forgets that at most corporate AGMs shareholders from Shropshire can happily, and often do, pass their votes as proxies to the chairman. The fact that the prox-

ies went to the president should not be seen as a conspiracy. Nothing prevented members sending proxies to Sikka to cast as he wished. It is just that they didn't. At least 500 votes for the two successful candidates from the Far East were cast as proxies given by local members to the equiva-

lent of the heads of the local district societies. The ACCA, which used to have strong Masonic connections, has always tended to be more secretive than it should be. Sikka's efforts, with Austin Mitchell, MP for Great Grimsby, have done much to change things. I doubt that the ACCA would have started to reform its constitution without their pressure. But for Sikka and the reform group, it obviously hurts to come sixteenth and seventeenth out of 19 candidates. Next year, they should work the proxy system to their advantage as members in the Far East have. At the English ICA, an independent constisenior partner of Lovell White Durrant is to produce "objective and independent advice" for the annual council conference in January. Meanwhile, it faces a challenge from Jeff

Wooller, the accountancy tutor, at its AGM on June 4. He has proposed a motion "that the institute members should elect future presidents". His motivation is honourable. It is obvious from merger debacles that the lines of communication between leadership and membership amount to a couple of cocoa tins linked by string. If his motion is passed, Wooller intends backing, though she does not know this yet, Sheila Masters, of KPMG. as the populist choice for a reforming president. But Wooller, too, is arguing about proxies. The problem is that he has chosen the wrong meeting. The institute's annual gathering consists of two seamless, and usually fairly lacklustre, meetings. The first, the AGM, does the nodding through of the annual accounts, the appointment of auditors and

the co-opting of council members. The second, the special meeting, deals with contentious subjects like the annual subscription rise. For the first meeting, proxy votes can be used, but only if members request forms individually. For the second meeting, members are sent proxy forms automatically. Wooller has, unfortunately, put his motion down for the first rather than the second meeting. The fact that only ten backers are needed for a motion at the first, as opposed to 250 for the second, may be why. He is also labouring under a disadvantage as a champion of member democracy. He has never been to

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an institute AGM. We of the press, who turn up each year with pencils sharpened, ready to detail uprisings of backwoodsmen, could tell him that there are rarely any questions raised at all.

The way to satisfy the upsurge in a desire for more direct involvement by members is to follow the example of CIMA, the management accounting body. It invited Mitchell and Sikka in to discuss the issues with the president last week. The meeting went on for two hours, which was probably why Sikka arrived late for the ACCA AGM. And the two have been invited to speak at the CIMA council conference in October.

The answer is to embrace reform and bring it inside. As John Chester, CIMA's secretary. said: "If we implemented all their ideas, it would not shake the place to its foundations." And that way you do not have reformers who are isolated and furious on the outside.

but this could have been the year when the upstart firm of Arthur Andersen, which has been climbing the league with

some impressive growth fig-

SOME people are seeing a conspiracy in the fact that the Big Six accounting firms have pulled out of their traditional annual exercise of producing figures on a vaguely comparable basis so that a league table of their standings can be published early next month. No one will now know for sure

have finally made it to the coveted No I spot. The other five pour scorn on such an idea. But it might explain the informal vote on the abandonment of the league table. Over their dinner the senior partners voted five to one to abolish it. No prizes for guessing who voted against.

Breakfast trail

in the institute's basement, are promising "a herb, wine and spice trail" on the evening of June 5. This event promises "a tour of the building with a food and wine tasting in each room". Do they have any idea how many rooms there are in the institute? And they have only allowed two hours for this marathon. On my reckoning institute staff will still be IT HAS all gone fragrant turfing revellers out at break-

AND ROBBER BUSINESS

fast time the next day. But it does sound extraordinary value for £5. Details from Charlotte Jones on 0171-920 8627.

No tax on fun

THE countdown to self-assessment has mostly caused gloom in the tax world as the Inland Revenue's bowler-hatted cartoon figures multiply like loopholes in a Budget speech. But Price Waterhouse

SOME accountancy firms

know better than to upset the Labour Party. Clark Whitehill has just published a booklet on "planning for a change of goverrument". The lirm says: "A return to the penal direct tax rates of the 1970s is inconceivable." No cause for any alarm

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Iola Smith introduces a two-page report on the regeneration of Wales which has attracted almost £8 billion of overseas investment

Bridging the past with the future

and towering slagheaps. During the past 20 years Wales has been transformed economically, environmentally and socially.

Pride in the heavy industrial past remains, of course. Reminders of the dominance of coal and steel are everywhere: in the landscape, architecture, art and literature, myth and memory. As recently as 1976, 120,000 people still worked in the Welsh coal and steel industries. But economic reality has moved on - and so has the principality.

Diversification has revitalised the economy. An effort to attract overseas investment has saved or created 140,000 iobs and encouraged foreignowned companies to pour in almost £8 billion since the early 1980s. A third of Wales's manufacturing workforce is now employed by companies from overseas.

The number of workers in the coal and steel industries, on the other hand, has shrunk to fewer than 20,000. The bulk of them work in steel and produce an output similar to that of the 1970s, but with

50,000 fewer employees. Coalmining, the industry synonymous with Wales for more than a century, has

ast aside all thought almost vanished. Tower Col-of grimy collieries liery at Hirwaun. now a profitable private company owned and managed by its shareholding miners, is all that remains of the oncepowerful Glamorgan coal-

> Speeding the progress of much of this revitalising of the Welsh economy has been the Welsh Development Agency (WDA), which celebrates its 20th anniversary this year.

David Rowe-Wales has chairman of the agency, says: We were estabwelcomed lished to promote innovation employment. In the past ten years, total emin place of ployment has grown by 11 per cent in Wales, tradition compared with 3

per cent in the UK as a whole. During the same period, growth in manufacturing output is up by 43 per cent in Wales but only by

per cent in the UK." Although a few unemployment blackspots remain, in general the news from the manufacturing sector is good. Companies are expanding and developing. Ford, for example, is setting up a training centre at Bridgend, Calsonic is un-

Pob cyfandir dan haul

Teledu i Gymru, teledu i'r byd. Mae lie S4C ar y sgrin ryngwiadol yn mynd o

nerth i nerth flwyddyn ar ôl blwyddyn. Mewn dros gant o wledydd mae pobl yn gwyllo S4C, yn rhaglenni cynhenid i'n gwylwyr ein hun, a chyd-gynyrchiadau rhyngom ni a rhai o brif ddarlledwyr y byd.

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and last month the American company General Electric unveiled plans to develop a £27 million engine-testing facility

at Nantgarw. Meanwhile, there is strong speculation that Lucky Goldstar, the South Korean electronics company, might shortly announce a El billion investment in South Wales creating 4,000 jobs.

One feature that makes Wales attractive panies and tourists alike is the landscape. National parks cover 30 per cent of the principality not to mention the attractions of and areas of outstanding natural beauty such as

the Gower Peninsula and the Menai Strait. Urban areas of Wales are benefiting from Europe's largest land reclamation programme which is removing the final traces of industrial dereliction. Hospitals, schools, houses and parks now stand on former coal tips, and 25,000

on reclaimed land. Reclamation aside,

people work in factories built

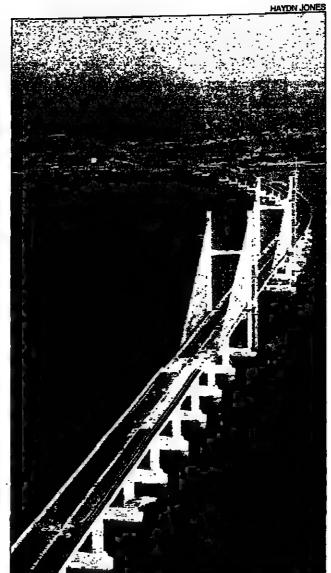
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agency is helping to improve the environment of 40 Welsh towns from Caernarvon and Rhyl in the north to Llanelli and Barry in the south, pumping £320 million into improving shopping and community

The signs of renewed confidence and expansion are all around. Last month the Land nounced a £12 million investment at Port Talbot where Tesco will develop a shopping complex. In Caerphilly, a £5.5 million shopping centre has been built opposite the town's medieval castle, while in Swansea the castle square is being redeveloped and plans are afoot to link the marina more closely with the city

The largest urban renewal project, how-ever, is in Cardiff, where the Bay Development Corporation is regenerating one-sixth of the city. A £191 million barrage, enclosing a 500-acre lake and creating eight miles of waterfront, is due to be completed in 1998 More than £600 million of private investment has been attracted to South Cardiff, creating 10,500 jobs.

These 20 years of change have enabled Wales to transform its image in the eyes of the world. No longer an inward-looking land, it has welcomed innovation in place of tradition to become a dynamic country that Japanese, Europeans and Americans are happy to visit, and to live and work in.





New and old: the Second Severn Crossing which opens in June and miners at Tower Colliery, Glamorgan's last pit

Encouraging hope, expanding horizons

ocal businesses are the backbone of the Welsh economy — so to give them an extra boost a "Source Wales" suppliers' network has been established by the Welsh

Development Agency.
"This puts small and medium-sized businesses in touch with multinational companies that can use their products," savs Brian Morgan, the agency's chief economist. "Industries as diverse as electronics, avionics and the automotive sector are covered. For example, we have nine firms supplying Toyota and a further 22 providing parts for Rover.

'Although there is no Volkswagen assembly plant in the area, our involvement with Bosch has enabled Welsh companies to directly source Volkswagen plants in Germany. More than 500 businesses have joined so far."

The Source Wales approach is being emulated elsewhere including England, where the Department of Trade and Industry is introducing the concept — but already Wales is going one step further by encompassing the service sector as well as manufacturing. Businesses will be encouraged to find their design, marketing and financial services in Wales, instead of overseas or

in the City of London.
To help companies choose Welsh services, the principality's financial services infrastructure is being strengthened. The Financial Services Initiative was set up to attract more financial businesses to Wales - and during the next four years these companies are

expected to create 10,000 jobs. The initiative has already encouraged Midland Bank and Legal & General to establish centres in Wales. The Midland is setting up a customer services centre in Swansea, creating 470 jobs. Swansea has also received investment from Lloyds Bank, which is introducing a pilot telephone information service for the customers of its central London branches.

£50 million multimedia business park linked to a satellite earth station in Cardiff Bay should also help the service sector to expand. Designed to create 3,500 jobs by the year 2000, it will provide the infrastructure needed to bring even more financial services and telecommunications companies to

Information technology should also help in this respect. Wales is one of only four regions in Europe invited by the European Union to develop regional technology plans. The intention is to enable the principality, along with Lim-burg in Holland, Lorraine in France and Saxony in Germany, to develop technological blueprints that can be implemented elsewhere across the continent.

Wales's plan, which will be launched this month, focuses on fostering links between universities and companies to help develop new products and processes. Another aim is to establish new sources of finance for small businesses,

A PRINCIPALITY IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE WORLD economy of £150 million a to help them to join the highyear, besides hopefully creattech revolution at a manageable cost

One sector that Wales needs to strengthen is distribution. but two major projects should raise the principality's profile in this respect, making it more attractive to international and UK distribution companies. The first project — the Second Severn Crossing — is due to open next month. The £380 million bridge is expected to bring benefits to the Welsh

ing 300 new transport jobs. The second development fo-

cuses on railways. Earlier this month south Cardiff was selected as a site for Wales's Eurorail freight terminal. This will allow companies to transport their products directly to continental markets - some of them in Wales's partner regions of Baden-Württemberg. Germany; Lombardy, northem Italy: Catalonia, Spain and Rhône-Alpes, France. In addition to attracting inward investment such as that from the German company Bosch, the Motor Regions Partnership has fostered joint ventures between local businesses in the five regions. This year, for example, 20 Welsh busi-

projects with their counterparts in Lombardy. These links are helping the Welsh economy to grow. In the

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cent a year - 1 per cent better than the UK as a whole..

But the WDA recognises that prosperity is not spread evenly across the principality. Gwynedd needs more investment, while Pembrokeshire and South West Wales have been buffeted by problems ranging from the BSE scare to

the Sea Empress oil spill. To improve these regions' prospects, the WDA has set itself the task of taking 20 per cent of inward investment westward, beyond the successful M4 and A55 corridors.

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THE ARTS

year as the Welsh National Opera and the Llangollen International Eisteddfod celebrate their 50th anniversaries. Both have enriched the country's cultural life, and

raised Wales's artistic profile internationally. The WNO is recognised as one of Europe's leading companies, while it was at Llangollen that the tenors Pavarotti and Domingo made their British debuts.

Fifty years ago the WNO presented its first performances, a double bill of Cavalleria Rusticana and Pagliacci. New productions of these operas are the highlight of the anniversary celebrations. In July the company will present the world premiere of a newly commissioned opera. The Doctor of Myddfai. Composed by Sir Peter Maxwell Davies, it echoes the legend of Fan Lake, in which a nymph marries a mortal and their children are endowed with healing powers.

In parallel with the anniversary celebrations, an exhibition is being held at the National Museum of Wales in Cardiff. Called Silken Lines and Silver Hooks, it features costume and set designs from a variety of operas including Falstaff and La Traviata.

The WNO, however, expects to wait until March 2000 before it has a new home in Cardiff Bay. Some months ago, after the Millennium Commission rejected the Opera House Trust's submission. the likelihood of seeing a purpose-built home for opera on the waterfront seemed remote. But last month, the Institute of Welsh Affairs established a consortium of business, local authority, arts and tourism organisations to present a new bid for a music

The institute has until September to seek millenniumfund support for the venture. A new design will be selected, and the entire project will cost £50 million — significantly less than the cost of the previous submission.

Gareth Jones, the project's co-ordinator, says the music theatre will serve a much wider audience than the rejected Opera House. "As well as accommodating the WNO, we will be able to attract West End musicals to Wales for the first time," he says. "In addi-



Making an impact: children watch a Welsh National Opera production of Pagliacci

The land is alive with the sound of music

are involving the National Museum in the project as it wants to establish an Imex cinema in the building.

This tripartite venture should simplify funding. The National Museum will be able to seek support from the Heritage Fund and the WNO from the Arts Council. Both of these sources can provide 75 per cent of the project's cost.

In July the WNO chorus and orchestra will travel to North Wales to accompany Bryn Terfel, the Welsh baritone, at the Llangollen festival's anniversary concert. During the festival week the small town will welcome 10.000 musicians and dancers from across the world.

The highlight of last year's festival was the triumphant return of Pavarotti. This year is hoped that Nelson Mandela, the South African President, will be chief guest at

the anniversary celebrations. An exhibition illustrating the festival's history will be mounted at Llangollen's European Centre for Traditional Cultures. It will open on June 11, the day the first festival was lauriched 50 years ago.

Further West in Gwynedd, the village of Llanberis is celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Snowdon Moun-Railway. Built for £160,000, the train carried its first passengers up the mountain in April 1896. They paid five shillings for the trip. Today the service, which remains Britain's only rack and pinion passenger railway, carries 130,000 visitors a year.

Bringing the beauty of the Welsh countryside to the ur-ban South Wales valleys was the aim of the 1992 National Garden Festival held in the former steel town of Ebbw Vale. Located on a reclaimed steelworks site, it attracted two million visitors.

Almost four years later, the festival's main features have been retained and the site is being redeveloped as the new village of Victoria Green. More than 100 houses have been built around a 60-acre park and 1,000 jobs are likely to be created by the new retail and technological park developments.

The success of the garden festival led to demands for a national botanic garden in Wales. This year the site was selected at Middleton Hall, a 500-acre Regency park near Carmarthen. The £43 million garden, which has received [2] million from the Millennium Commission, is due to open in May 2000.

Woodlands encompassing trees from four continents will be created, and there will also be specialist environments for alpine, aquatic and native Welsh plants. Part of the restored walled garden will feature medicinal plants mentioned in medieval documents as having been used by the healers of Myddfai - the people being celebrated in song this summer by the WNO.

New life for the countryside

ustainable develop-ment, which encourages economic growth without jeopardising the environment, is the way ahead for rural Wales. In the White Paper, A Working Countryside for Wales, William Hague, the Secretary of State for Wales, insists that a vibrant economy is the key to a healthy environment. "Enterprise," he says, "makes rural life possible."

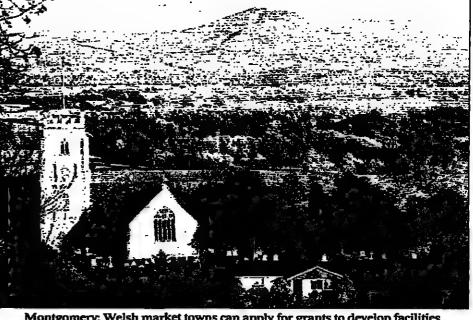
Without it communities die and mid-Wales came close to that in the early 1970s. Almost 50,000 people had left the area to find jobs in the cities and the remaining countryside communities were becoming isolated. To revive their for-tunes the Development Board for Rural Wales was set up in 1977. It adopted the sustainable approach and depopulation was reversed.

John Taylor, the board's chief executive, says: "We have reduced dependence on agriculture by bringing manufacturing companies to the region. But we have ensured that all factories and workshops blend with the landscape. That is our greatest asset and the reason why people choose to live and

work in the countryside," The board has built Britain's greenest business park at Machynlleth. The first factory to be built on the reclaimed railway goods yard is constructed from locally sourced, environmentallyfriendly materials. Its fuel bills are 66 per cent lower than those of conventional factories and the park is screened from the road by willow trees.

Agriculture still remains one of the biggest industries, employing 10 per cent of the population directly and a urther 15 per cent in farmingrelated professions. However, more than 2,000 jobs are expected to be lost over the next four years on mid-Wales farms, according to the development board. Fewer farms and more part-time farming is the way ahead.

The Welsh Office is keen to locate more food companies in the countryside. Its Welsh Food Strategy seeks to process more dairy, vegetable and meat products in the communities where they are produced. Overseas investors are also being encouraged into the countryside. The first Jap-



Montgomery: Welsh market towns can apply for grants to develop facilities

RUBAL WALES

anese company arrived in January, joining American and European firms already in residence.

Much of the industrial activity is located in market towns. In a bid to make these towns more attractive to locals, tourists and investors the White Paper unveiled a market towns initiative. Towns such as Montgomery can apply for up to £40,000 from the development board to improve their environment mul facilities. ln villages, emphasis is

placed on retaining local services. Llanbadarn Fynydd in Powys lost its shop, post office and petrol station in 1994. Assisted by a development board grant the villagers established their own shop in a portable building in the car park. Two years on the shop is a success and the community plans to reopen the post office and petrol station.

In the past rural communities have suffered because of their remoteness. Thanks to new technology, however, communicating is no longer a problem. In Powys the county council's rural information network has placed computers in community venues such as the the library to help people to obtain anything from social security benefits to a passport. They are also the first in Britain to receive details of job vacancies by computer, without having to travel to job centres.

The Powys approach is being emulated by the North Economic Forum which is seeking millennium

funding to bring cable technology to rural North Wales. in rural areas," says Dafydd Hughes, of the Welsh Development Agency. He is fostering a multimedia industry in Gwynedd and, in parallej with the European Union, is developing links between Gwynedd and Ireland.



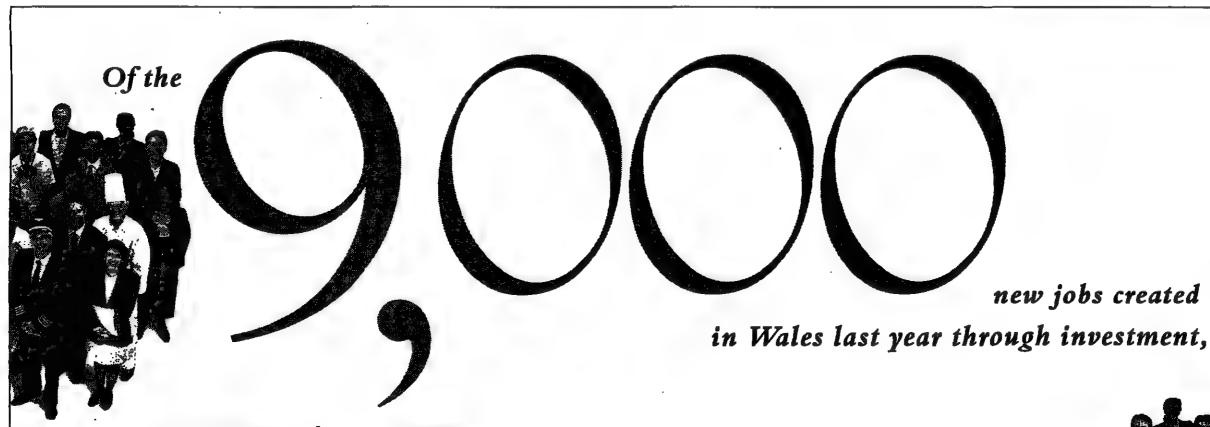
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FILM 1

Oversexed under-age and over here: Kids, the controversial "slice of teenage life", opens



FILM 2

Violence doesn't get much more mindless than in Money Train, about robbery on New York's subway





■ FILM 3

... but Bridget Fonda provides more enjoyment in a wacky James Hadley Chase story, Rough Magic



FILM 4

. while, for those who enjoyed the Brooklyn wit of Smoke, more of the same comes in Blue in the Face

CINEMA: Geoff Brown on the Kids from hell, a little Chinese masterpiece, and the latest batch of Cannes hopefuls

Nasty, brutish and still growing

ou could call Shirley Temple a kid, I suppose, but she was not like the kids in Kids. No Good Ship Lollipop. No innocent lust for chocolate cake. These young white teen-agers roaming Manhattan rape and infect virgins. They shoplift, smoke joints, assault blacks and gays. School work? Parents? Responsibility? Never heard of them.

Larry Clark, the stills photographer turned director. works hard at flinging their lives in our faces. No plot is worked up to lend the film tension and shape: the youngsters, played by non-professionals, just spend a day and a night talking, bragging, satisfying their desires. A script was written by Harmony Korine, an 18-year-old skateboarder, but there are no shapely lines, just tumult, invective, and rudery.

As with the words, so with the images. Cameraman Eric Edwards, who makes pretty pictures for Gus Van Sant movies, lurches about with handheld equipment. The rough-grained texture suggests the film was shot on sandpaper. The total impression, by design, is of a raw, bleeding chunk of life.

Screen realism, however, is just as much an affected style as any other, and the accuracy of Clark's presentation must be questioned. Would real teenagers be so hyperactive. squeezing depravity into every corner of the day? When would they worship the god TV? Clark wants his spectacle, and he wants the adrenalin to rush; when a black man gets kicked, rap music muscles in to heighten the action.

The surface realism has still been sufficient to stir massive controversy, chiefly over the film-makers' intent (is this art or exploitation?) and the performers' age. The British Board of Film Classification spent four months agonising, seeking proof of the producers'

Kids MGM Haymarket 18, 93 mins Unedifying portrait
of kids running wild Money Train Warner West End 18, 110 mins Nasty antics in New York's subway system Rough Magic Odeon Haymarket 12, 104 mins Clare Peploe's

engaging oddity Blue in the Face Renoir, 15, 89 mins Unnecessary companion piece to Smoke

Frankie Starlight National Film Theatre 15. 102 mins Whimsical mishmash

sexual situations were at least 18. They do not always look it: certainly, any shock value this film possesses lies in the characters' youth, not their

As for the film-makers' intent, Clark probably believes he is making art: he made his name, after all, training his lens carefully on urban youth in his books Tulsa and Teenage Lust. Others have called Kids a wake-up call, a warning against running wild, although the "18" certificate means that those most in need of a salutary slap cannot legally see the film. But what matters most is the result, not the intention. By that test Kids is monotonous, unedifying, and certainly skirts exploitation's boundaries. Above all, it

is bad cinema. Life gets no rosier with Money Train, a despicable film that inspired copycat crimes on New York's subway system. One employee eventually died of burns. Even without this side effect, the film is



Leo Fitzpatrick and Sarah Henderson in a typical scene from Kids, a film that makes up in contrived outrage what it lacks in cinematic worth

tile dialogue and truly nasty violence.

The script asks us to believe that Wesley Snipes and Woody Harrelson, two Transit cops, are foster brothers with a dream of robbing the gleaming train that collects the day's takings from subway stations. It takes 80 minutes for the dream to materialise: time wasted with arson attacks. obvious jokes and an overbearing performance from Robert Blake as the subway system chief. Once the robbery happens, the film gets no better. Snipes's star power seems dimmed, and director Joseph Ruben keeps a loose grip on the action. If this film can be regarded as entertainment, society itself must be

hurtling to destruction. Luckily not every film leaves you feeling mugged. Clare Pepine's Rough Magic soothes and beguiles. although you have to go with the flow of a crazy story that embraces levitation, a man turned into a sausage, and a terrible, smeared with infan-

The story hails, astonishingv. from James Hadley Chase, the pulp thriller maestro who wrote books set in America without usually budging from England. The film, though, soaks up authentic atmosphere as Bridget Fonda, a magician's assistant, heads south into Mexico in the early 1950s to locate a Mayan shaman, in pursuit comes Russell Crowe. Australian star of Romper Stomper, as a reporter hired by Fonda's flance, a wealthy creep who needs a

But enough of the plot. especially since the film delights in springing surprises. Not every moment is perfectly judged: but in general Peploe, a former assistant to Antonioni and Bertolucci, creates an enchanted environment in which anything can happen. American belief in science collides with age-old forces of magic. Fantasy

wife to prosper in politics.

erupts into a film noir pastiche, which is then overlaid

through this tricky terrain. Fonda can often appear wan, but here she's in splendid sparky form. Crowe is personable, and Jim Broadbent hits the right fruity note as a scallywag English doctor with his own need for the shaman's elixir. Neither art-house movie nor mainstream thriller, Rough Magic may have difficulty finding an audience, but

that is the audience's fault, not

the film's

The audience for Blue in the Face is the audience that saw and enjoyed Smoke: no others would get the point of this ramshackle companion to Wayne Wang and Paul Auster's artful slice of Brooklyn life, released here last month. Harvey Keitel and the customers of his corner cigar store return to the screen; but they fritter away the time with semi-improvised comedy sketches or exchanges with cameo players appearing for a lark. Reluctant to lose the cast of Smoke, Wang and Auster

shot the film in six days.

straight after the earlier film

POOR old Radio 3. The listen-

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wrapped. They really need not have bothered The film at least allows

Brooklyn residents their say. and fills in some local history. Archive footage sketches the Brooklyn Dodgers' rise and fall: faces speak straight to camera, offering statistics on the number of Belgian waffles consumed each day in the borough. But any reality invoked promptly gets skewered Jim Jarmusch drops by to smoke his last cigarette; Lou Reed drops by to recall his first, Madonna delivers a singing telegram. Some of their scenes are droll, but they turn

the film into a variety show. Any film that features an Irish dwarf, stargazing, Nazioccupied Normandy, and Matt Dillon has its hands full. You suspect a plot written to suit the whims of the international financiers; in fact. Frankie Starlight takes its cue from a novel that is just as batty, The Dork of Cork by Chet Raymo. Frankie is the dwarf, offspring of a girl

fleeing France (Anne Parillaud) and a Dublin customs officer (Gabriel Byrne). "All our stories are up there," Byrne tells the lad, gazing at stars from a rooftop; but the stories are relayed in so gauche a manner by the director, Michael Lindsay-Hogg, that you scarcely ever

fall under their spell. Better by far to venture to China, courtesy of the Barbiprogramme mixes new titles with old. Postman, in particular, should be pounced on. He Jianjun's film, rigorously controlled and moving, concerns a postal worker who begins to fill an empty life by reading the letters he delivers. With China's censors snapping at his heels, He smuggled his film out of the country last January: two weeks later, it was premiered at the Rotterdam Film Festival. This is no angry social document, although its portrait of bleak, lonely lives would scarcely make Chinese authorities

'A waste of celluloid'



Every week, young film fans discuss the latest releases . . .

Matt Jones, 23: Just because a film tackles difficult subjects it doesn't make it worthwhile. This is just dull and nasty, full of totally repellent characters. Damian Samuels, 23: The lead character in this is utterly vulgar, and makes Sylvester Stallone sound like Henry

Higgins. Michelle Robertson, 22: A waste of celluloid. An exaggerated and depressing look at American youth culture.

Claire Smith, 22: This makes a rather desperate bid for controversy. It doesn't so much disturb as make one sauirm.

ROUGH MAGIC

Matt: This is awfully turgid tripe that almost falls into the "so bad it's funny" category. Almost totally devoid of any merit, it misfires on every conceivable level.

Damian: This is laughably bad. It's 100 minutes too long, and not even Jim Broadbent can revive this pile of tedious

Michelle: An enchanting film with wonderful moments of humour; a feel-good movie that will surely be enjoyed by

Claire: Bridget Fonda is cool and sassy in this, which combines spells, illusion and tongue-in-cheek humour pure escapism.

BLUE IN THE FACE

Matt: This is a wonderful look at Brooklyn life told in many charming episodes. Very funny and unerly captivating. Damian: Brilliantly funny. full of beautifully timed comic vignettes and excellent video footage. The cast is

magnificent. Michelle: Witty, enthralling, captivating and simple are the ingredients which will make this a surefire hit with audiences.

Claire: This combines a quality cast and a wacky script to produce a film that's quirky

A Palme crossed with silver?

CANNES

The word on the grape vine is that a Malibu psychic has already determined the winners of the competition section at Cannes. The Palme d'Or will go either to Chen Kaige's Temptress Moon, or Raul Ruiz's Three Lives and One Death; or possibly the prize will be shared. Ruiz, a Chilean maker of surreal puzzle pictures, seems an extraordinarily long shor: people usually walk out of his films, not give them In allotting the prize to

Temptress Moon, the Malibu psychic may have been guided by Farewell My Concubine, Chen's last success. Moon, unfortunately, fails to match that film's splendour: in his desire to avoid confrontation with China's censors, the director has retreated further than before into period escapism, and crafted something as hollow as an old-style MČM spectacular. The camera caresses the beautiful stars. Gong Li and Leslie Cheung: the Steadicam operator takes endless trips down the Shanghai streets of the 1920s or the corridor maze of the country estates where opium claims the ruling classes' brains. But Chen's visual pyrotechnics soon splutter out ultimately the film is about nothing more than international finance and the Western appetite for per-

iod exotica. Gazing into my own crystal ball, I see recognition for Lars von Trier's Breaking the Waves, a compelling and quirky epic love story. Previously, the Danish director of Europa has appeared highly talented, but too much the clever dick: however, the mak-



ing of his television serial The Kingdom seems to have humanised him. The story of Waves, shot in English and set in the early 1970s in the remote north of Scotland, has the raw power of a silent Scandinavian melodrama. The heroine, Bess, is a naive girl who sets the Calvinist elders tut-tutting when she marries Jan, an oilrig worker. When Jan is bedridden after an injury. their passion takes a turn that tests everyone's understanding of faith and devotion.

Von Trier's darting, bleached visuals - distracting at first - soon draw you inside the bizarre plot: and Emily Watson, plucked from the London stage, gives a deeply felt performance as the girl who loves not wisely but too well. Like all the best melodramas, this is a film that churns the heart.

In the past Joel and Ethan Coen have also been too wrapped up in style to accommodate much human feeling. But not in Fargo, which already seems one of the year's hest American films. By returning to their roots in Minnesota and tackling a true story, the brothers let fresh air into their elegant games with movie genres. Released from studio artifice, the camera revels in the snow-covered prairie and the houses and bars where a kidnap plot leads to murder A car salesman in serious debt (William H. Macy) hopes to winkle the

money out of his rich father-in-

law by arranging for his wife's

abduction. But the thugs' inep-

titude brings pregnant police

chief Frances McDormand sniffing round.

The Coens extract much comedy from the laconic regional speech, but they never stoop to caricature. The characters remain ordinary, flawed people, and we watch enthralled, as human folly engulfs them.

Cannes pleasures continue outside the competition section. Hard on the heels of lan McKellen's Richard III. the movies now have Al Pacino's, enshrined in his lively directorial debut. Looking for Richard. Chunks of Shakespeare's play are ingeniously interspersed with comments from actors, academics and Joe Public on their experience, if any, of the Bard.

GEOFF BROWN

It ain't broke, so don't fix it

RADIO: The current campaign to save Radio 3 implies that it needs saving

FM, and the listeners that are left are grumpy. Or some of The Campaign to Preserve Radio 3 has recently emerged from the woodwork, headed Not that I hope he fails:

quite the reverse. It is just that say Duncan. the creation of such a pressure group implies that Radio 3 is falling apart, which is far from true. I have just spent a week listening to nothing but Radio 3. I conclude that the grumblers are only listening to the bits they do not like. Some of them want more

music, which means they do not want a new nightly series such as Picasso's Women (weeknights this week, except Wednesday). These are marvellous programmes, consist-

Newman - their music thoughtfully

prepared and most engagingly sung

Armstrong's approach to the score is

under Richard Armstrong's guidance.

best state yet.

ing of monologues written by Brian McAvera and read by Barbara Flynn, Hannah Gordon, Josette Simon and Lind-

They read the roles of the principal women in Picasso's life, including his first wife, one of his mistresses and two of his models. The great man is portraved as a wife-beater who was fond of schoolgirls. But he had the wit to choose at least one model who was better read than him and a mistress who was his intellectual superior.

Perhaps the grumpy problem is the wrong type of music. Jazz is often mentioned. Yei Jazz Notes (Monday) had some vigorous work written by the young British pianist Julian Joseph for the BBC Big Band and a most original. poetry-inspired suite by the

saxophonist Tommy Smith. The presenters? If I get one more letter complaining about Paul Gambaccini, I shall send the writers tapes of Morning Collection (weekdays) with everything bar Gambaccini's introductions edited out. The man is an asset to the network. There is only one thing that

the grumpies ought to be worrying about, and that is the resistance to pressure of Nicholas Kenyon, Radio 3's

controller. I do not think he is pursuing Classic's ratings, but if those who do bang on long enough, they will be hoist with

their own petard. Classic FM deserves support because a station playing "the best bits" will, at best, nurture an audience for the other bits. But Classic will have done the nation an inadvertent disservice if its proponents persuade BBC high-ups, pinned to the wall at cocktail parties, to react to criticism of Radio 3.

With luck the tug-of-war between people pulling Radio 3 in opposite directions will result in deadlock and Radio 3 will remain more or less what it has always been, namely the best serious music station money can buy. I only hope that Kenyon keeps his neck away from the rope.

Peter Barnard

Brisk answers to Chinese puzzles

CHRISTOPHER ALDEN'S production OPERA of Puccini's opera has done even better service than originally envisaged: it was always planned as a co-production be-Turandot tween the Welsh National and Scottish Theatre Royal Glasgow Opera, but was hauled in to fill a gap at the Coliseum last year as well. It was anyway conceived for a small theatre, and

at Tuesday's revival in Glasgow was in its surprisingly and convincingly brisk, emphasising its savagery rather than its Alden has radically simplified the sickliness. Only in Nessun dorma does he staging, greatly to its advantage. There is let himself slip into the soup bowl (and less incomprehensible mime and, most why not?): otherwise, this is a tough important, less capering for the trio of reading, innocent of empty rhetoric or Masks, who are allowed to catch the false sentiment, a reading to remind you essential melancholy of voices of reason of Turandot's leanly muscled modernity. powerless in an irrational world. And an The robust orchestral playing was a great help, and David Jones's chorus has surely excellent young trio they are too -Stephen Gadd, Peter Hoare and David never sung better.

The Chinese tenor Deng made a fine Calaf; his voice is essentially lyric in scale, but he coped. Francesca Pedaci brought an authentically Italianate spinto edge to

- lovely. Andrew Hammond's Pu-Tin-Pao was quite the creepiest yet; either I have a dirty mind or the "execution" of the Prince of Persia could well excite the attention of the local watch committee.

And there was a notable debut from the Canadian soprano Kathleen Broderick as the Ice Princess. She has a big voice with plenty of air around the tone to temper the steeliness; she is musical and really phrases the lines. A slight fuzz on the tone in the upper reaches vanished by the third act, where her singing was thrillingly radiant and steady. And more than any other Turandot I have seen. she - and Alden - managed to suggest the birth of a new personality in the course of the finale. It is not there, frankly, in Alfano's music, but Broderick almost persuaded you that it was. Very clever.

RODNEY MILNES



■ CHOICE 1

John Nettles plays Brutus in the RSC's staging of Julius Caesar VENUE: Now in preview

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LONDON

DIE ENTRUKRUMS AUS DEM ERAIL: Sir Colts Dinnis cond Mozart's delightful Singspiel for the first time at Covent Garden. The plot embraces passion, cruelty, love and mediam, graced by virtuose uses and ensembles. Eva Merplays the heroine Konstanze and Kurt Flydi is the harem eer Osmin, while Inger Dam-in makes her Royal Opera debut as Jersen makes her Hoyel Opera deout as Blonde. Eight Moshnisty directs his production in Sidney Noten's imaginative designs, which evoke the exonosm and sewagery of impenal Turkey Sung in German with English surfities.

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II FUNNY BONES

Buena Vista., 15, 1995 PETER CHELSOM'S amazing bundle of comedy and tears, perilously attached to a slow-moving plot about two half-brothers in a show-business family. One brother is funny (stand-up comic Lee Evans), one is not (Oliver Platt). The script needs pruning, and the lurches in tone cause seasickness; but Evans's mobile face and Chelsom's affection for Blackpool's variety entertainment create memorable sequences before the film succumbs to overkill. Available to rent.

DALEKS — INVASION EARTH 2150 AD

Warner, U., 1966 THIS is the film with the magic line, "We'll have to bypass Watford, the place is full of Daleks". They are after the Earth's magnetic core, but it only takes a tarpaulin pushed over their antennae for things to go awry. Current sci-fi tries to dazzle with technical wizardry; this disarming old specimen, now available in the



widescreen format, simply sets out to cash in on a television hit and entertain the kids. Peter Cushing is Dr Who, Bernard Cribbins the comic relief.

CRIMSON TIDE Buena Vista, 15, 1995

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MAHLER

ANTIQUE heroics in a submarine, with Gene Hackman as the by-thebook commander and Denzel Washington as a Harvard rival with a

from Russian rebels. Interesting to note the resurrection of the Cold War. Otherwise routine stuff. Rental release.

MURDER IN THE FIRST Fox Guild., 15, 1995

AN ABSORBING drama, though director Marc Rocco causes distraction by constantly moving his camera. Kevin Bacon plays the Alcatraz prison-

different attitude to the nuclear threat er charged with the first-degree murder of an inmate. Christian Slater is his public defender. Since prison conditions are vile, there is no doubt where our sympathies lie; but the lack of any big dramatic surprise is obscured by Bacon's committed performance as the... hard-bitten prisoner who keeps his dignity. Available to rent.

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THE partnership of tenor Christoph Prégardien and fortepianist Andreas Staler is rather more successful than that between Schubert and be. Goethe, with an ignorance verging on arrogance, wanted to know nothing of the young composer who was devotedly

musicians join forces, a miracie or two is likely to happen. The fortepiano's sweet tone and shorter resonance is perfectly tuned to Pregardien's light tenor: for the many songs of Schubert which are "written in water" the fingers set up a gentle surface ripple, while a beautifully controlled halfvoice recreates the deadly hush of Meeres stille.

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PIERRE BOULEZ'S foray into Mahler continues to yield unpredictable results. Both his Sixth Symphony, released last summer, and his Fifth, given with the Vienna Philharmonic in London in March, offered fascinating new perspectives. He does it again with the enigmatic Seventh, though his tendency to play down the emotional expression is perhaps taken to unwarrantable extremes by the clinical Clevelanders.

Nachtmusik. a mysterious night patrol, Boulez's brisk tempo makes more sense of the "patrol" than, say, Tennstedt (in his live LPO performance on EMI), though the latter is more disturbing. Boulez misses the element of the phantasmagoric, both here and in the witches' sab-

bath of a Scherzo. He is more successful in the second Nachimusik (fourth ment), a serenade which he takes at quite a jog (ten minutes against Tennstedt's 15) vet with no sacrifice of exquisitely refined detail. The finale, with its extraor-

dinary rhythmic and tonal dislocations, seems - for better or worse - less anarchic than usual, and as always with Boulez there is an unerring sense of direction. He does not attempt a heaven-storming peroration like Tennstedt's, but with the virtuoso Cleveland brass in full cry, he provides nevertheless a magnificently invigorating conclusion to a coherent view of a problematic work.

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■ GLUCK/BERLIOZ Orphée et Eurydice Upshaw/Larmore/Hagley/ San Francisco Opera Orchestra/Runnicles Teldec 4509-98418-2 (2 CDs) ★ ★ ★

THOSE who prefer their Gluck spiced with Berlioz will find much to admire in this Orphee from the San Fra co Opera, staked out in the Skywalker Ranch. It sounds like a more likely location for Fanciulla.

The conductor, Donald Runnicles, opts for the version Berlioz prepared in 1859 as an antidote to the frivolities poor Orpheus had undergone with Offenbach the previous year and because he had the services of Pauline Viardot at hand for the title role.

All Gluck-Berlioz is here, plus a little more. There are the cadenzas Viardot and Camille Saint-Saens, Berlioz's pupil, added in and also the ballet music, including the five final dances removed for lack

of a suitable corps to perform them. Runnicles gives the Furies their head and allows the Blessed Spirits an Elysian tranquillity. There is nothing static about this interpretation, although the chorus is kept well in the background.

Jennifer Larmore in the title role, with her exceptional range and masculine throb to ার্কজীয় the voice, bids fair to be the new Marilyn Horne, who also recorded the part, but in Italian and with different adis. Latinote's Ord great intensity, especially in the first act which she has to carry virtually single-handed. Grief and heroics alternate in the approved classical

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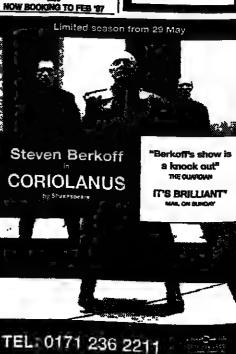
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By complete contrast, it was the lyrical, pastoral aspect of Britten's Serenade for Tenor,

Horn and Strings that was to

the fore in Ian Bostridge's

eloquent performance (with

Hugh Seenan the accom-plished horn player). Bost-

ridge is so evidently a product

of the English tradition that

one inevitably picks up Pears-

like inflections. But his tone is

more fine-grained than that of

the tenor with whom the cycle

is indelibly associated, and his

projection more reticent, less

was good throughout, his

capacity for tonal shading

admirable, and the final

words ("seal the hushed Cas-

ket of my Soul") delivered with

Music Players

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Exotic sonorities return in Julian Grant's Tournament of Shadows. The piece was inspired by an alarming personalleyway in Bukhara, and certainly fear and menace exuded from its tense textures. But Grant also evoked what he described as the "magical hypnotic charm" of the place, and here the wailing clarinet

conjures the invigorating spirit of the oriental bazaar. Most colourful of all were the sonorities of Edward Dudley Hughes's Movements in Red, receiving its world premiere. The rippling effects of its textures teeming with inner detail were brilliantly created. even if the outline emerged probably too crudely. Another perversely abrupt end prompted the thought that this

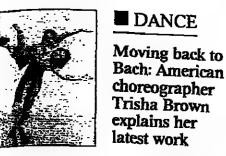
might be a CNMP stipulation.

If the collective playing throughout left something to be desired, there was at least a decent performance by Rowland Sutherland in Denisov's Two Pieces for solo flute, and an eloquent one by Joseph Spooner of Sally Beamish's Gala Water, a set of variations on a Scottish folk song.

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Rostropovich brings vehement passion to an LSO performance of Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony



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in an

Irish

stew

SUPPOSE some orphanage in ancient Athens had asked Euripides to write a play in its honour,

and he had riposted with

Medea. No. that is too

mild a comparison. It

speaks very well for Dub-

lin's National Maternity

Hospital that it professes

itself "proud and delight-

ed" with its association

with Marina Carr, au-

thor of this strange. Sty-

gian, and really rather

remarkable piece. But I

bet that when the people

organising its centenary

celebrations first read the

play they had commis-

sioned from her, they felt

a flutter or two, especially

at the parts where the

title-character talks of

drowning, stabbing and mutilating her children.

Actually, that is just

one symptom of a sick-

ness that goes back to

Portia Coughlan's birth

and reaches its climax at

the time the bulk of the

play occurs, her thirtieth birthday. Her rich, crip-

pled husband fills her

with horror and hatred.

She dislikes her re-

proachful mother and tells her so in a scene of

alarming verbal and

physical violence. Sex

with the over-age lads in

her Irish backwater has

come to disgust her. Derbhie Crotty, her pale,

bony face gleaming, cuts a huddled, quaking fig-ure most of the time —

and a fierce, feral one

when Portia's internal

Portia Coughlan

Royal Court

stunning piece of acting? The word "asphyxiation"

is invoked at one point.

and turns out to refer not

just to rural ennui but to

endemic inbreeding. But

Portia's real trouble is

that her twin brother

drowned himself 15 years

before, leaving her with a

black hole in place of

what was always a some-

what embryonic heart.

She feels a dual pull:

back to adolescence.

childhood, the womb

where she claims their

incestuous couplings

began; and to the bottom

of a river which Carr has

provocatively called the

The play is partly a

weird joke at the expense

of the romantic parts of The Merchant of Venice.

It is also a ghost story, a case-study in obsession

and depression, a de-mystification of rustic Ireland, and a piece of

updated folklore, com-

plete with mentions of

witches and changelings.

At times the impression

is of O'Neill at his most

relentless: which in my

book is a plus. Portia

Coughlan will probably be called melodramatic,

as the great Irish-Ameri-

can's work was, but only

because we live in an

imaginatively timid age

and Carr dares a lot.

Belmont

demons run amok. What justifies this



power of Niagara and the easy flow of a meandering

brook. Trisha Brown's slip

pery, loose-limbed choreogra-

phy ripples in waves, spins in eddying pools and darts off in unexpected shoals before wending back to its still centre.

Yet, for all its spontaneity, her dances never lose sight of their

rigorous structures. Brown, a

grandmaster with enough

movement strategies to keep

even Garry Kasparov guess-

ing, cleverly combines these

two polarities of freedom and formality in dances that are

playful in the most sophisticat-

Beginning with performances in Brighton this week-

end, Brown's New York-based

company is spending the month on the British festival

circuit. This tour is a prelude

to a huge retrospective of her

work at the Brooklyn Acade-

my of Music in October, when

she will be celebrating her

company's twenty-fifth anni-

versary. It was at the BAM, in

1983, that Brown broke

through to a mass audience:

the occasion was the premiere

of Set and Reset, which is

included in her company's

British schedule. Fast, fun and

flashy, it features multimedia

settings and costumes by the

artist Robert Rauschenberg

and a jaunty, art-rock score by

The first performances came together in a rush of

adrenalin and a roar of

approval. Suddenly Brown

was not just one of the most

respected of post-modern art-

ists, she was a hot property at

"Fame is a monster." she

says. "I've understood that from the beginning. If you're not careful, it gobbles you up."

Her current fame, not so

clamorous as in those heady

days when theatres around the world were queueing to

a more even keel. Brown, who

will be 60 in November, has

become a grande dame of

contemporary dance. Pina

Bausch in Germany and fel-

low American Twyla Tharp

are the only other women who

can be called her equals in

terms of creativity, popularity.

bankability and, most impor-

tantly, longevity.
"It's a lifetime of work, a

body of work, a body about

work" is how Brown sums up

herself and her career. "I am

proud of it, astonished by it.

but I don't have time to crow.

It's really rough in modern

dance in America, cut-throat,

so you learn how to duck and

keep on working. You have got

to believe in each thing that

you're doing; believe till other

people start recognising that

you're not just some crackpot."

from the West Coast in 1961. It

was a time when dance was

breaking open, scrapping tra-

ditions, turning towards new

ways of moving. She quickly

Brown moved to New York

Set and Reset, is now on

the box-office as well.

Laurie Anderson.

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■ VISUAL ART

The many talents of Derek Jarman revealed ... and a fine photographic survey devoted to Eve Arnold

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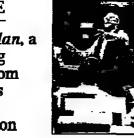
As her British tour opens, choreographer Trisha Brown talks to Allen Robertson

Step Bach to the future



■ THEATRE

Portia Coughlan, a dark, brooding melodrama from Ireland, comes to the Royal Court in London



Se assication from Section

not its heart UNLIKE many commis-sioned works, heard once and LSO/Rostropovich Barbican then forgotten, Richard Rodney Bennett's Partita for Or-

Given its head,

chestra was requested by BT and the Association of British dominant first entry of the Orchestras specifically to be played by 17 different bands piano threatened to turn the work into a concerto). But if Rostropovich's someover a period of nine months. what cavalier attitude to the The performance on Tuesday night by the London Symphoprinted score resulted in a ny Orchestra under Mstislav reading that lived very much Rostropovich was the most exuberant of the four I have from moment to moment, it was undeniably one of com-pelling immediacy and often heard, pointing up the gaiety of the outer movements with scorching ferocity.

infectious enthusiasm. If it was not quite the most disciplined, that set the tone for the evening, which was one in which the head was for once dominated by the heart. This tendency reached its extreme in Shostakovich's Fifth Symphony, a performance which for sheer virulence and gutwrenching aggression would be hard to beat. The reckless abandon with which the finale took flight was (no doubt intentionally) terrifying rather than exhilarating, and the stony-faced, heavily accented coda left one in little doubt as to where Rostropovich stands on the question of its interpretation: this was "false rejoicing" with a vengeance.

Imposing as all this was,

a memorably veiled quality that truly set the seal on a highly personal account of the there was a price to be paid. The LSO was not at its immaculate best in ensemble. and there were some odd BARRY MILLINGTON balances at times (the over-**Emergency stops**

WHETHER by accident or design there was more than one common thread in the pieces that made up the Cambridge New Music Players' programme at the Brighton Festival on Saturday evening, Barry Millington writes, An

exotic_loosely oriental element was evident in several of them, while three of the composers shared a penchant for abrunt conclusion. For Adrian Jack, the sudden

ending is something of a ments of his enjoyably eclectic Zigzag (the second is a recent addition) exemplify it. The members of the ensemble, conducted by Paul Hoskins. were confident in neither blend nor tuning, and it may have been unwise to give a solo to the double bass since few players seem to be able to bring it off. However, the

Klezmer playing of clarinettist Lynsey Marsh was splendidly There was a similar passage of exuberant shricking for the clarinet (duetting effectively with high violin) in Jonathan Powell's Necronomic Frag-ments. The title alludes to the

work of H. P. Lovecraft, with its supposedly "blasphemous and potentially cataclysmic content" (to quote the composer), which presumably explains the bizarre, unworldly May 24-25), Newcastle (May 28-29) and Blackpool (June 3-4) nature of the scoring.

has known her work only the wealth of possibilities that the 12-tone row." since she moved into the might be open to her.

Part of the experimental was born in . . Judson Church Theatre. Brown went so far as to create works that featured performers strapped into harnesses, cantilevered out horizontally and walking on walls, down the outsides of buildings and even spiralling down tree trunks. She sent a quartet of dancers free-floating on rafts across a lake and had others climbing in and out of jumblesaie garments that were

looped through a huge circus net suspended above the Most of these dances were motored by personalised codes. In one of them she devised an invisible grid that surrounded each of the performers. The choreography consisted of 27 different movements linked to a particular point on that grid. These spots were for each letter of the alphabet with a last to mark the space between words. The

dancers then spelt out sen-

tences through movement

Trisha Brown: "I was trying to discover a vocabulary that is strong enough to find a place within Bach's music"

The general public which mainstream would be surprised by the bald rigour of her early choreography. Those who have followed only the recent phase of her career might be equally startled by Brown's latest choice - classi-

The big new piece being seen here this month, MO was created in 1994. MO stands for Musical Offering. the Bach score. Unless you were lucky enough to be in Naples in 1980, when Brown choreographed and also performed in Lina Wertmuller's production of Carmen, you would automatically regard Brown as a late 20th-century abstractionist working in tandem with Rauschenberg, Donald Judd, Nancy Graves.

found herself in the thick of it. "My name is Trisha Brown, I for-art's-sake elite. But with Bach comes Webern," she s Bach, Brown has become both fascinated and challenged by

"I knew i didn't want to just physically report his music to the audience. On the other hand I wouldn't ignore the music, and I did choreograph a traditional fugue right at the beginning of the piece. To me that was like an abstract painter who finally draws a figure because he's tired of hearing. Even my kid can do that'. So, he draws this sensual nude in order to be able to say,

because I don't want to, not that I can't'. "I was trying to hang on to the style of my own work, while at the same time trying to discover a vocabulary that is

strong enough to find a place within Bach's music." The glorious result, a hit with audiences and critics alike, has opened a new door for Brown. Now she is choreo-

graphing to Webern. "After

with a big laugh. "I'm very inspired by and entrenched in

Next she will be staging Monteverdi's Orfeo in Brussels; it then tours in America and Europe (there are rumours that Orfeo will be seen here in the run-up to the millennium). "I don't think I could have done this any earlier," says Brown about her new relationship to music. "I build things from the base up. and the first level of creation is always intellectual under-standing of the principles I'm

The reason I don't do that is dealing with. "I don't get out and twirl. I'm not some baton majorette showing off. The truth of the matter is, I taught myself Baroque polyphonic composition only to find out that's

what I'd been doing all along." Trisha Brown Dance Company is in Brighton (tomorrow and Saturday), Edinburgh (May 21), London (Queen Flizabeth Hall

John Russell Taylor on the Barbican's shows of works by Derek Jarman and Eve Arnold

Robert Ashley and other top

exponents of Manhattan's art-

There seems at first to be no link between the two shows which share the Barbican Art Gallery at the moment, devoted respectively to the photographer Eve Arnold and the polymath Derek Jarman. But if there is a link, it undoubtedly lies in the

Of course, the cinematic element is obvious in Jarman's work. Among his many and varied talents, the most prominently displayed and widely known was film-making. The general impression of his career is that he began as a painter, moved on to being a designer, and through that became totally committed to making films about a dozen features in 16 years, no mean tally when you consider that for most of that time he was debilitated by

HIV/Aids. What emerges from the show is rather different. All the feature films. plus another ten shorts, are being shown in connection with the exhibition, and their volume and weight remain impressive, even to those who have strong reservations as to whether Jarman ever developed a sense of cinematic rhythm, without which any film, even if handsome to look at,

than has ever been made public before about the other sides of Jarman's artistic self-expression. There is a caseful of books and miscellaneous writings, many film-related but several substantial entries in the bibliography about quite other matters of moment to him. More impressive, though, is the ample evidence on the walls that Jarman was an exemplary case of "Once a painter always a painter". Even when painting as such seemed to

Moving images

be taking a back seat in his life, he went on compulsively doing it. The early paintings, dating from Jarman's period at the Slade in the early 1960s, are already distinctive, as well as being rather unexpected: placid, pastel-shaded evocations of luxe, calme et volupte seen through the prism of Poussin, they give little hint of the militant Jarman to come. Nor do the abstracted landscapes that came next, in which the influence of another triumphantly un-angry artist. Paul Nash, may be

Rather rapidly, Jarman becomes involved in issues - pacifism, ecology and gay lib in particular - and develops a visible desire to provoke. But this is expressed more in the films and the writings: the paintings and mixed-media works, even the designs for the theatre and other people's films, stand a little apart from militancy of any kind. It seems that painting and designing remained an area apart, into which Jarman could retreat from the concerns of the world around.

Until the very last, that is. And even

the pictures in the last touring exhibi-

tion (1994), in which abstract-expres-

sionist backgrounds are daubed with

gay graffiti, seem still to be more

abstracted than aggressive, not finally

so provocative as they are meant to be.

The immediately previous small paint-

ings connected with Jarman's garden

at Dungeness are also agitated - at

Dungeness, clearly, the wind's in

trouble among the sparse and spiky

vegetation — but the experience is

"Once a painter, always a painter": a 1961 self-portrait by Derek Jarman recorded rather than turned into a

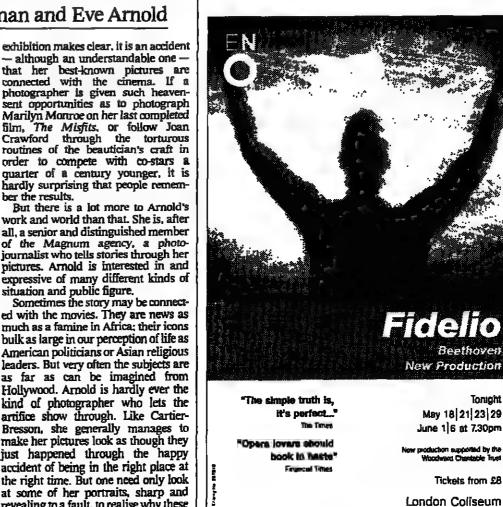
symbol. Here it is necessary to enter a caveat about the show as a whole. One does come away with a slight feeling that it has been somewhat sanitised; as he approached death, the side of Jarman which was ready to rage against the dying of the light has been reduced to a faint whimper. The total effect is more comfortable than it should be. Or perhaps Jarman's ability to withdraw from life into art was more complete than anyone realised when he was

exhibition makes clear, it is an accident - although an understandable one that her best-known pictures are connected with the cinema. If a photographer is given such heavensent opportunities as to photograph Marilyn Monroe on her last completed film, The Misfits, or follow Joan Crawford through the torturous routines of the beautician's craft in order to compete with co-stars a quarter of a century younger, it is hardly surprising that people remember the results. But there is a lot more to Arnold's work and world than that. She is, after all, a senior and distinguished member of the Magnum agency, a photo-

expressive of many different kinds of situation and public figure. Sometimes the story may be connected with the movies. They are news as much as a famine in Africa; their icons bulk as large in our perception of life as American politicians or Asian religious leaders. But very often the subjects are as far as can be imagined from Hollywood. Arnold is hardly ever the kind of photographer who lets the artifice show through. Like Cartier-Bresson, she generally manages to make her pictures look as though they just happened through the happy accident of being in the right place at the right time. But one need only look at some of her portraits, sharp and revealing to a fault, to realise why these days the hand that works the shutter

• Derek Jarman: Artist, Film-Maker, Designer and Eve Arnold in Retrospect are at the Barbican Art Gallery. Barbican Centre, EC2 (0171-588 4141) until August 18

comes close to ruling the world.



Garry Hynes directs against a backcloth which. Rorschach-style. teems with trees, spectral faces or both. The dialect occasionally apart, her production is admirably simple, lucid, and skilful when it comes to coping with hops of time. The sum effect is powerful. yet, since this is an Irish play, incongruously funny too. There is a hideously hostile, raucous, comic great-granny. Another character is described as not having been born, but "knitted on a wet Sunday afternoon". Would Ireland's National Temperance League or Cat Protection ociety please commis-

would reward their faith. BENEDICT **NIGHTINGALE**

sion a play from Marina

Carr? I am sure she

remains dead at the centre. But the show does tell us much more



personally, abrasively present. Eve Arnold is a very different kind of artist, but an artist nevertheless. As her Sarah

Bradford

on a royal

mistress's

wild child monster, my dear," the late Harold Acton used to say in that particular lilting accentuated voice of his. mandarin head tilted to one side. He was referring, of course, to his neighbour on the Florentine hills, Violet Trefusis. The jacket photograph shows Edward VII's mistress.

the Hon Mrs George Keppel, looking slightly nervously at her first-born seated in her lap, as well she might. The child, Violet, circle two years old, has a rapacious, clinging look, her left arm encircling her mother's neck, her right hand firmly pressed against Alice Keppel's unresisting fin-gers. The child's expression, fierce and demanding as she fixes her mother with her eyes, is distinctly disquieting.

Mrs Keppel's presence in the book is principally as a come-on for the reader, reminding us that as the Prince of Wales's long-standing mistress she was the prototype for her great-granddaughter, Camilla Parker Bowles. Her affair with "Bertie", as he is persistently referred to, was untroubled by intrusion from zoom lenses, the tapping of cellular telephones or bugging devices in the chandeliers" hardly surprising since it took place between 1898 and 1910. This is not the only tiresomely anachronistic comparison in the book: "Like Lady Thatcher some decades later, she [Alice Keppel seemed to personify her country, rule the waves and have her way with Englishmen."

Diana Souhami's grasp of English aristocratic and court life seems uncertain. Of the happy cuckoid, Alice's husband, she writes curiously: "To his credit George was an Honourable," a dublous statement. She seems not to be aware that great houses are not precisely located in towns or villages - Knowsley is not in" Prescot, Lancashire, nor Crichel Down "in" Wimborne.

Harry Cust was the reputed father of the Duchess of Rutland's daughter, Lady Diana, not Lady de Trafford's. There is a good deal too much about "Bertie's" early life before he met Mrs Keppel - his education, his marriage, the various scandals in which he became involved, all of which have been written about over and over again and here serve only to hold up what does eventually develop into an interesting

That story is essentially the passionate love of Mrs Keppel's eldest daughter, Violet, for Vita Sackville West, first revealed by Vita's youngest



A deceptive image of the perfect Edwardian family: Lieutenant Colonel the Hon George Keppel with his wife Alice and daughter Violet in 1909

MRS KEPPEL AND HER DAUGHTER By Diana Souhami HarperCollins, £18

son, Nigel Nicolson, in Portrait of a Marriage, based on his mother's "confession" and described in greater detail in Victoria Glendinning's biogra-

iana Souhami's purpose in repeating and expanding Violet in this story of adultery, royal and aristocratic families, dominant mothers and how not to conduct a lesbian relationship".

Certainly Violet, tiresome, demanding, and self-dramatising though she undoubtedly was, emerges as the victim of a predatory, sexually driven, possessive Vita who, like the young aristocrat Julian in the novel of their love, Vita's Challenge, coolly abandons his lover when he is tired of her. (One of Vita's lovers, Pat Dansey, acutely diagnosed the key to Vita's behaviour in her obsession that you are a romantic young man who treats women badly".)

I found Part Two, "Portrait of a Lesbian Affair", describing the quadrangle between Violet and Vita and their respective husbands, Harold and Denys, fascinating. Only poor Denys Trefusis, a sad, entlemanlike solider traumafised by the war and tuberculosis, emerges well out of the tale - Violet treated him with absolute cruelty.

Apart from that, the story rarely rises above farce, enhanced by two preposterous mothers, Mrs Keppel and Lady Sackville, who struggled to keep scandal at bay while bemoaning their diminishing lifestyle. Mrs Keppel turned up trumps in the end, providing financial support for Violet out of the huge funds she had amassed as Edward VII's mistress. For Violet, her mother remained her only lasting relationship; she wrote Alice letters addressing her as "Littie love", signed "Your adoring Titten". "I believed in three things," she wrote. "God,

France, my mother ... Despite occasional absurdities and a banal style. Diana Souhami has written an entertaining book, but her advocacy of Violet, snobbish, supremely solipsistic and, in the end very boring, fails to convince. Harold Acton was right.

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AT THE bloody climax — or, rather, one of the bloody climaxes - of Colin Bateman's new novel, the narrator, Dan Starkey, tries to pretend it isn't really happening:
"It was all television. All fiction. Meant to be enjoyed by

someone else. Real life was about being married and having children and going shopping and betting on the Grand National and carving the Christmas turkey and losing your keys down the back of the chair; it was about trousers that no longer fitted and toilets that wouldn't flush and songs embarrassing relatives who thought they were Johnny Cash.

Bateman is a Northern Ireland journalist and novelist and I suspect that he is laying claim to a particular Northern Irish comic sensibility. If the transitions in Of Wee Sweetie Mice and Men between realistic observation and stomachchurning violence, between comedy and sentimentality and tragedy, seem abrupt, then this is not merely an echo of the culture of Scorsese and Tarantino in which the author is evidently saturated, but, more importantly, a represen-tation of life in a Province

The novel begins as a Nick Hornbyesque comedy of wry observation as Starkey mourns the wreckage of his marriage. Bateman has a good ear for dialogue and these episodes about male and female mismatching are effective, if a little familiar. The plot itself is based on a much broader satirical idea, in which an Irish boxing nohoper manages to land a fluke fight with Mike Tyson. Starkey is hired to write a movie, specifically the ear-

defined by conflict.

A new genre of custard fiction

Sean French

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Bateman: wry observation book about the event and he ioins the boxer's entourage on

the trip to New York.

THERE are a series of misadventures, comic at first (Starkey is repeatedly robbed). then more serious, when the boxer's wife is kidnapped. Starkey becomes enmeshed in the attempt to rescue her and suddenly we are in a different

removal scene from Reservoir Dogs and the bloody climax of Taxi Driver, and all the time there are the absurdist dialogues involving a misunder-standing about "the proof of the pudding is in the eating" and a confusion between the words "ostrich" and "hostage". If Tarantino was able to charge royalties for the use of his style, he would be richer than Bill Gates.

This Belfast journalist with a gift for the sarcastic retort is suddenly blowing criminals away like Bruce Willis and then every so often we're back to the delicate love story about male vulnerability and old records from the Seventies and all that. Of course one knows the argument in justification of the book's incoherence: life is incoherent. Well, maybe, but the affectlessness that is the book's subject seems to require an equivalent slackness of attention from the reader. Take the novel's opening sentence, which is characteristic of Bateman's hyperbolic style:

"Peace had settled over the city like the skin on a rancid custard. Everybody wanted it. just not in that form. The forecast remained for rain, with widespread terrorism." Is it pedantic to point out that skin forms out of the custard and does not settle over it like snow, and that it forms while the custard is warm, not days later when it has become rancid? And what does the second sentence mean? The "it" presumably refers to the peace, but does it refer to the custard skin as well? Or does 'everybody" want unrancid custard without skin? God knows, and we're only on the second line of a 330-page book.

The courage* of his contrivance

The most audacious metaphor in English is probably John Donne's comparison of his soul and his mistress's to a pair of compasses. Many of the 100 runners-up are by Craig Raine. A sewagefarm like a tape-recorder: heels like parsnips; coffinbearers like a string quartet; buttocks chewing the cud: sexual penetration like a liqueur chocolate. The question is how to relate this sergeant-major alertness to the business of

living. Raine patented his technique in 1979 with A Martian Sends a Postcard Home. The visitor to Earth doesn't know about phones and cars and dreams, so they are described in roundabout ways which ask what we are up to (but which rely illogically on a knowledge of television, ghosts and tickling).

Now. a series of deaths has led Raine to look aslant again at life's old friends. The first poem in his new book begins: "the turban in a tangerine/ a snooker table, say, I with six suspensory bandages./ the lemon squeezer/ in the men's

Have you ever seen things this way before? Yes, if you have read his books: turbans have served for both right-wrapped roses and a ball of string; in a tribute to his father he admired "the way he could peel an apple with the skin in one piece". Why the otiose "men's"? And what's this disingenuous "say"? Far from being an example plucked casually from many, the snooker table is the only thing that fits the description.

"Henri Rousseau painted in pidgin, so to speak," writes Craig Raine, Surrealist poet. In Rich (1984), Raine imagines an usher-ette "by Salvador Dali/ with a drawer in her midriff". This is explaining someone else's joke; but he is a recycler by principle. All writers, he says, commending Dickens, know that images "have two possibilities. A ploughed field is like a sea of clods, or, the sea is like a ploughed field". So Raine describes a battleship's "rivets like mangetout"; then mangetout "like a battleship".

Having the courage of his contrivances, Raine aims for an equivalent to the "unbroken and candid artifice" he finds in Hopkins. But Hopkins himself, he tells us, had occasional doubts about the strains of novelty. Raine reassures himself that the poet's task is to invent a dialect, and he is accordingly fascinated by the fictitious languages invented by Orwell, Joyce, Burgess and Russell Hoban. He even points to an ancestor of his own tech-nique, the Neanderthal tongue in The Inheritors, where William Golding describes paddling a canoe:
"They were digging the water and the log was sidling across the river."

Jim McCue

CLAY. Whereabouts Unknown By Craig Raine Penguin, E20

Artifice, dialect, lan-

guage, wit - whatever it is. it is Raine's original, translated to many purposes. As well as poems, he has written one libretto, one play (sidelong Racine), and one volume of essays: he has edited a magazine, been poetry editor at Faher, and is now an Oxford don. Each role has involved turning his binoculars on imagery, like "the gorilla focusing his nostrils". Sharp images are what matter, supremely, to him, and how he polices the true and untrue.

Much less important is depth of field. He has little to say about plot, character, emotion, the capacity to sweep the reader away. Short on these, his long poem History: The Home

Howard

Davies



Raine: sharp focus

Movie, published last year, is a mass of dazzling details, but without panoramas. Curiously, the Martian detachment suits one favourite subject, sex. For that surreal coupling can make us distractedly aware of incongruities.

Whereas Donne's compasses run a fulfilling emotional circle, many of Raine's conceits run only out of breath. In the 24 poems of A Martian ... 44 lines end with suspension bridges, highwires between the solid grounds. Most sentences in

History have no main verb. Riches come when the metaphor doesn't just register but tells, like the image of a dying friend pouring himself whisky as a tranquilliser: "As hard in the end / as threading a necdie". The emblem of selfdestruction is new and poignant (does one say Here let me do it?") — but the difficulty of needles is proverbial. In the background stands another great conceit about the difficulty of dying well: "It is easier for a carnel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

Using words as if for the first time is hard enough; but the greatest achievement is to use them anew and with the snowballed moment of centuries.

Change between present and past

The fun in question is no less a matter of interpre-L tation than an old and much-handled Irish tune. It might be a session of fiddling and fluting pieced together in the unreliable hours of the hangover, and it might be the joyful legacy of a far longer past. Ambiguity is only to be expected in a work so devoted to the interplay of shift and constancy in the living body of Irish traditional music. Last Night's Fun is not

merely the name of the book, but of its opening chapter as well. Like all the other chapters, it is also the name of tune: Hurry the Jug, The Rub of Rosin. Dowd's No 9, and so on. Each tune is a cue for Ciaran Carson to explore a particular aspect of playing is partly ordered and partly improvised, with the book itself becoming a session by

analogy.

The device could have fallen dreadfully flat if the author. who is literature and traditional arts officer for the Arts Council of Northern Ireland, were not also a committed musician and hence able to report from inside the weave

of the sound. It might look like a timely celebration, what with the runaway success of Bill Whelan's Riverdance. However, the lot of this music.



A celebration of Irish music a traditional session on uillean pipes, bodhran and guitar

Alan Franks

LAST NIGHT'S FUN By Ciaran Carson Cape. £15.99

particularly in the English consciousness, has been a long cycle of neglect and rediscovery, with every so often, as in the cases of Enya and the Pogues, a partial assimilation into something of mass appeal. Then there are the odd breakthroughs by way of leature films and television compurists who see these as the edgy encounters of a scholar

Carson's study is a timely reminder of why the Irish tradition has no need of the kind of rescue operation that Steeleye Span and Fairport Convention mounted on the English folksong during the revival in the late 1960s. For all the fugitive nature of an oppressed culture, the music has been made resilient in the manner of the soundest constructions, with deep foundations beneath and considerab-

mercials: there will always be le flexibility above. From its traffic with post-Renaissance Europe, there remains an imprint of the courtly and the classical, overlaid with an almost unchartable diversity of invention and local approach. As Ciaran Carson cays, Irish traditional music

> ners now than at any time in its history. He is at his best when he is deep into the detail of the playing. This, for example, on the problem of signalling be-tween musicians: "Getting 'the change' is a skill; it has to be

probably has more practitio-

even if the number of repeats has been determined in advance (some of the players can't count). If the repeats have not been predetermined. the players will use body language to communicate the change — eyes, shoulders, elbows, knees, feet and hands may be deployed. Hence the manic widening of the fluteplayer's eyes at the end of the first turne the third time round, or the shaking of her head which means you play the first

tune again." Just like the tunes and their treatment, the writing can fly off into digressions which kept making me wonder whether I would ever be returned safely to the substantive theme. Perhaps that is as it should be in a book which sets out in part to savour the sadness of spent airs, since the great certainty of this music is that the past and present are locked together in an unguessable fugue. Last night is in perpetual play.

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Englishmen and castles, as seen in Country Life

To build you need not only money but confidence in the future. The middle class families which came to maturity in the optimistic 1890s had both. The architect Edwin Lutyens's patrons sprang not from the old aristocratic classes, whose power had gone with the extension of the franchise and whose fortunes were diminished by the agricultural depression and taxation, but new selfmade City and tradespeople, Barings, Horners, Fenwicks and Drewes. They, on the whole, were civilised and sympathetic beings. anxious, now that they had made their pile, to model themselves on an idealised ancient squirearchy and distance themselves from the source of their wealth. Such clients demanded every modern convenience in houses built for both comfort and leisure, but they also decreed that a spell of timelessness be bestowed upon them.

Lutyens, with his allegiance to Arts and Crafts principles, his worship of Olde Englande and his supreme orchestration of natural materials, be they weathered stone, timber or brick, gave them precisely what they wanted.



MONT ELEVATION

Roy Strong

Edwin L. Lutyers, Architect.

Ashby St Ledgers, Northants. Watercolour elevation by Harold Stevens of Lutyens's cottages dated 1908 for the Hon Ivor Guest, later Lord Wimborne

Tudorbethan or Wrenaissance, these houses nestled in the landscape from the moment he had completed them as though they were already forever England. Even though new he was able to endow them with "the souls of a more ancient building", as was written of Gertrude Jekyll's Munstead Wood,

These were never country houses but houses in the country reflecting exactly the end of the aristocratic powerhouse. Their function was less prestige than a

reflection of a new exaltation of country life and the advent of the weekend made possible by the motor car. Around such houses there was no longer an estate to engender revenue, but pleasure grounds for dalliance and sport. As these were to be the last of their kind they have

remained locked within the British

consciousness as an aspiration, the

ultimate expression of success by the establishment classes.

LUTYENS AND THE EDWARDIANS An English Architect and his Clients By Jane Brown Viking, £25

Architects, like painters have to be charmers. Lutyens certainly was. Once referred to as "this

singular and delightful man", he

was clearly irresistible with his

jackanapes sense of humour

in an era which depended on social connection aligned to talent, connections who would open doors. Marriage to an earl's daughter, Lady Emily Lytton, swung open one. Gertrude Jekyll was to do the rest. Through her

which beguiled his cli-ems children. But, begin-Edwardian age, Mells, Grey Walls, Great Maytham, Orchards and Great Dixter. Miss Jekyll ning life as the tenth child introduced Lutyens to the editor of of an impoverished medi-Country Life, which was to pro-mote his work for nearly half-aocre painter, he needed, century. Through the new mass media of the illustrated magazine the upper classes were presented with a romantic idyll of a kind which has never lost its hold on their imagination.

It was even to survive the deluge and her brother there followed the of 1914 to 1918, after which Lutyens roll call of dream houses of the found himself designing houses no

should have inherited them. Half of his commissions after 1918 were for memorials, including the most famous, the Cenotaph. No one had either the confidence or money anymore to build and disillusion set in and, for a period, he took to the bottle. By the time that his masterpiece, Viceroy's House in Delhi, could be occupied it was only 17 years off being evacuated as British rule in India finally came to an end.

This is a beautifully written. strangely elegaic book. Jane Brown paints a gallery of patrons from those halcyon years who emerge as remarkably cohesive in their aspirations and atti-tudes. Architect and patron in practically every case were perfectmatched. The only one who doesn't quite lit is the wilful, engaging but utterly impossible Lady Sackville, Lutyens's mistress manque, who was forever com-plaining in her diary how when she eventually got the poor man into her bedroom, she didn't quite get what she wanted. His clients fortunately did.

Greater than we knew

Howard

Davies on a

portrait

cluttered with

detail

t the height of the Giscard d'Estaing reign in France, the resident's nocturnal excursions from the Elysée were the talk of Paris. They were never, even when he was said to have collided with a milk float on returning one morning, explicitly reported in the mainstream press. But the Canard Enchaine published a front page reproduction of Manet's Déjeuner sur l'Herbe with the simple caption "Giscard's late" emerging from the

lips of the recumbent nude. Manet was, and is, an artist whose work expresses both an attitude to life, and the spirit of his time. Déjeuner, The Ball at the Opera, The Gare Saint-Lazare, The Bar at the Folies Bergeres, all conjure up a powerful image of artistic and cultural life in mid-19th-century Paris. Manet himself, in spite of his well-known battles with the artistic establishment of the time, and his celebrated exclusion from major Salon exhibitions, lived at the centre of that world; he was no

Born in 1832, the child of a well to do Parisian bourgeois family, he led, for the most part, a comfortable existence. When funds ran low indulgent and wealthy art buyers tended to turn up. His friend Antonin Proust, when a minister in the Third Republic, secured for him a Légion d'honneur. And of course Manet and the other artists of the Salon des Refusés quickly became the mainstream, rather than the fringe. He was, too, a part of literary Paris, A friend of Baudelaire, of Zola and of Mallarme, he saw himself as playing a role in the intellectual life of the

So it is entirely reasonable to approach Manet from a cultural historical perspective, as Beth Archer Brombert does. Brombert is a jobbing biographer and translator, rather than an art critic, and not necessarily any the worse for that. Rebel in a Frock Coat a book club subtitle, I presume



An artist whose work expressed both his attitude to life and the spirit of his time. Edouard Manet's Déjeuner sur L'Herbe, in the Musée d'Orsay

of artistic analysis, rather "a vivid description of the cultural history of Paris in the latter half of the 19th century".

But that is a grand claim. and one not entirely justified by the episodic material presented here. Brombert has done a workperson-like job in assembling what is known of Manet's home, social and business lives, and she tells a tale easily and well. The story of young Edouard's extraordinary trip to Brazil in 1848, on board a kind of floating classroom, is amusingly recounted. including his perceptive and pithy comment on the Rio carnival "not much fun".

Brombert also writes engagingly about Manet's fraught relationship with Berthe Morisor, who eventually married his brother Eugene, but remained infatuated with Edou-

ard throughout her life. Collectors of historical trivia will find a lot to please them. We learn that the rich "protector" of Mery Laurent, the hostess with whom Manet walked out in later years, was an American dentist called Thomas W. Evans. Evans's main claim to fame was that he looked after Napoleon III's teeth, which must have been a remarkably well remunerated post. But he also, we learn.

EDOUARD MANET Rebel in a Frock Coat By Beth Archer Brombert Little. Brown. 520

designed the main avenue in the Bois de Boulogne. And I have to confess I was not aware that Gustave Caillebone was the President of the Gennevilliers Yacht Club, or that "Mallarmé was another sailing buff who dashed off to his little skiff at every opportunity".

In the midst of this diverting material. Brombert occasion-

ally finds time for some-routine observations on Manet's paintings — though they are not allowed to distract us from her main subject matter. We therefore emerge with only the vaguest of notions of what the Manet and his friends in the salon selectors was about. She has no message for the world about Manet's contemporary significance, or his artistic legacy. Indeed she has no message at all - no case to prove, no argument.

More importantly, nowhere does Brombert convey any sense of the excitement of Maner's vision, or of the sheer beauty of his canvasses. He is presented as a society figure. with an occasionally remunerative hobby; his pictures serve simply as exhibits, artefacts. the raw material of cultural history. At one point she describes his visual images as "the Esperanto of imagination", a dispiriting metaphor.

There are, fortunately, 67 good quality plates, albeit in black and white. Only they give any clue as to why we might still agree with Degas' judgment at Manet's funeral:
"Il etait plus grand que nous

The author is Deputy Governor of The Bank of England.

The supreme danger to a rigid society

THIS IS a book that governments, intelligence and police agencies and social workers all over the world should read. The facts of Aum Supreme Truth, the self-styled "religious sect" responsible for the Tokyo subway gas attack last March and the planned murder of tens of thousands more. are shocking - I can use no other word. The initial incompetence and later reluctance of the Japanese authorities to take action is equally so. But perhaps more than anything else, this book is an indictment

a fanatical cult openly intent on mass destruction. Andrew Marshall and David Kaplan tell the story of the evolution of cult leader Shoko Asahara from a partially blinded schoolboy bully. born into an underprivileged

of the rigidity of Japanese

small adjustments and its

failure to prevent or recognise

society, its inability to make

Joanna Pitman

THE CULT AT THE **END OF THE** WORLD

By David Kaplan and Andrew Marshall Hutchinson, £16,00

family in an isolated Japanese village, into the religious guru leader of tens of thousands and then mastermind of very real plans to carry out mass murder and make himself supreme ruler of an expand-

ing world empire. In some ways the Tokyo gas attack which killed 12 and injured almost 6,000 was the least of it. Asahara's sect was initially based on Buddhism. but its rapid growth into a powerful social force with a following of 40,000, assets of US\$1 billion and plans to kill millions, was achieved by

ruthless design. Vulnerable elements of society were targeted - lonely housewives, workers in marginal occupations, brilliant young men and women isolated by their talents, all those millions who crave intensive group involvement and who need something to fill the spiritual vacuum that is believed to be the legacy of Japan's break-

neck modernisations. Once lured into the sect they were deliberately isolated from normal society, broken down by malnutrition, lack of sleep and the requirement to wear "electrode caps" which sent a constant electric current to the brain and was said to quicken the believer's step on the road to salvation. The wealthy were targeted too every follower was forced to

sign all their assets to the sect.

apparently unstoppable

growth in followers and assets

Running parallel with an

Asahara's own ambitions. Beginning as religious guru, he found that the Japanese Confucian tradition of devout loyalty to a single leader (which hinges on an underdeveloped sense of the individual) gave him unexpected powers. From a dealer in social succour who captured the hearts, minds and wallets of thousands, he tried and failed in politics and then became a murderous fanatic intent on amassing powers of mass destruction. Using the brilliant young

scientific brains at his disposal

May 16, 1995: a member of the Aum sect is arrested in a raid was the vile metamorphosis of and a huge weapons development complex hidden inside his cult headquarters, he built vast and sophisticated arsenal of biochemical and conventional arms including mustard gas, anthrax, botulism, TNT, the ebola virus and sarin gas. He mass produced AK47s, he experimented with lasers, he hought missile launchers and planned to build a nuclear warhead.

in 1989 he ordered the murder of a lawyer and his family, working on behalf of parents to free young Japanese followers. He then

started torturing and murder ing believers attempting to escape. He attempted and failed to blanket central Tokyo with a deadly nerve gas in 1990 and 1993. And time and time again the police, faced with a multitude of clues, refused to take action fearing charges of religious persocution and legal confrontations with the sect's aggressive judicial department. Religious terrorist groups

can infiltrate and operate in any society, but the Japan of today seems to provide particularly fertile conditions. Aum emerged and thrived in a society that is in a state of painful transition, that is unsure of itself, a society which for 50 years has been intently trained on a goal of commercial success and material accumulation and now appears to be losing its momentum. It is a society that can no longer count on being sheltered be-hind its anomolous international position, that is still inhibited by its history and is ever more encumbered by a political system designed to other ends than to offer clear leadership. The lessons of Aum should be heeded all over

Captains and King's

Kermode joined the becoming at a stroke Captain's secretary and dogsbody, sailors stepped up smartly to a table to receive their weekly pay in their caps. Any rating who had been fined, or "mulcied" as the Navy had it, for various offences, might well receive no pay at all, the paying clerk shouting in stentorian tones "Not Entitled". This the sailors referred to as a 'Noreaster", which might at different places and seasons arrive in the form of no pay, no leave, or no future, ie, death.

The humour of this delightful and engrossing memoir plays round the concepts of titlement and non-entitlement. the author taking a proper and sardonic satisfaction in the title the Queen has bestowed on him, but feeling it safer to remain for personal and literary purposes in a state of non-

entitlement. When Sir Frank was Sub-John Bayley Lieutenant Kermode he was the **ENTITLED** only man in a broken-down tramp steamer conscripted into HarperCollins, £18 naval service

A Memoir

By Frank

Kermude

who could both understand and respond in kind to the rolling archaic ritual of Admiralty Orders, could fathom Kings Regulations up to a point, and even catch a glimmer of sense in the bizarre system of naval accounting. Thus the clerk-manship which has carried him to the heights of the King Edward Professorship of English Literature at Cambridge, and the Charles Eliot Norton ditto at Harvard, found an early niche and use in the world of warship procedure. Chaucer and Shakespeare

would have approved. And it is Shakespeare who suggested a title for the most section of the book. Towards the close of the play. and of his fortunes, Antony calls "all my sad captains" round him to have one more gaudy night. "My mad captains" were to haunt the young Kermode for most of his

wartime service. The first, who had been a midshipman at Zeebrugge and won a DSO at Dunkirk, was a hero with no more heroic role to play. Condemned to the command of an all but meaningless vessel, he lasted for only the briefest period. Soaked in pink gin, he arrived late at the funeral of a junior officer who had died of drink, and assured the widow My dear, he can't really be

should have been officially informed". Summoned back to London after the first leg of an Iceland trip, he shot himself. So he got his Noreaster.

Two equally amazing characters succeeded him. Captain Henty filled his spacious cabin with mountains of black-market goods, contriving somehow to dispose of them later under the noses of Customs. The third captain was mere-

ly and meanly mad, refusing out of jealousy to allow the officers from a U Class submarine — the real heroes of the war in the Mediterranean - to attend his ship's party. It was his own protest on this occasion that led to young Kermode being quietly got out of the way and sent to - of all places - New York.

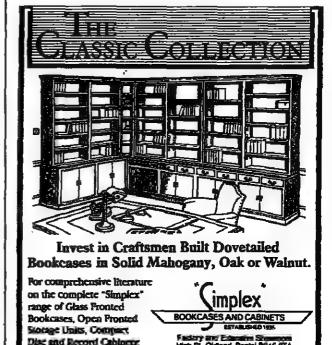
After such colourful times and experiences one might think that the quieter academic life which followed would be

anti-climactic for the memoirist, but not a bit of it. Kermode's war was waged in the shadow of apparent and utter futility; while someone, some how, was winning it elsewhere. Since

then he has been in the forefront of the battle in every sense, an academic hattle in which he has won any number

fter Liverpool and London Universities he was appointed to the prestigious Regius Professorship at King's College, Cambridge, a job about which his early misgivings turned out to be more than justified. Cambridge is usually thought to be a more go-ahead place than its sister university of Oxford, but the Cambridge School of English has always been mysteriously backward and arcane, a status confirmed rather than diminished by a fiery but reactionary eccentric like the great Dr Leavis.

Kermode found that he was manoeuvred into responsibility without being given power of any sort. When one of its many feuds rent the faculty over the appointment of a flamboyant young post-struc-turalist, he sought to strike a blow for freedom, truth and justice, but in vain. He resigned instead, and has since led a studious life in distinguished retirement, composing admirable books as he once composed replies to Admiralty letters, "for as long as I am entitled to be".



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Dearing delves into the future

The summer of 1997 will see the most. important report into higher education

for more than 30 years, says Peter Scott

'In future

students

in local

colleges'

his week, the biggest re-view of higher education for more than 30 years finally gets under way. Its conclusions could bring important changes in universities by the time this year's applicants graduate.

Sir Ron Dearing's committee and its final terms of reference were announced five weeks after the promised deadline but he and his colleagues have been asked to report in record time by next summer — not long to produce a work to rival the magisterial Robbins report of 1963 and set the scene for the development of higher education into the next

The delay is worrying because for the politicians, Labour as well as Conservative, the major advantage of the Dearing review is that it puts awkward issues on may start ke until after the election. The vice-chancellors, having screwed their courage up in Feb-ruary and threatened to impose a £300 emergency levy on all students next year, have been left to cool

Already things are changing on the ground as universities juggle their budgets to cope with last November's cuts. Every day options are being considered, and accepted or rejected, that may preempt important parts of next summer's report.

The new committee faces three key issues - the size, shape and cost of higher education. So far most attention has been focused on cost. Sir Ron is meant to get the Government (and Labour) off the hook by finding a politically acceptable way of charging students for their higher education.

The other two issues are equally important. After rapid expansion education is now in a period of "consolidation". Full-time undergraduate numbers are capped. Once envisaged as a temporary pause for breath, consolidation has now been extended to the end of the century. It looks as though universities and colleges are moving into steady-state.

The Dearing committee has to decide whether to accept that for the medium term growth is over, or to pick up the expansion banner. It is not an easy decision. The case for growth is strong. Barring a road-to-Damascus reversal of the Govern-

ment's line on budget cuts or the invention of a radical funding system that secures private money on a large scale, the only strategy is for universities to grow out of their present cash crisis. The Confedera-tion of British Industry argues that participa-tion should be pushed up from the present 32 per cent to 40 per cent. Others suggest even more ambitious targets.

Student demand is slack, however. Even without tuition charges, the cost of higher education seems to be putting off the marginally motivated and the less well-off.

The second issue - shape - is also tricky. Part of the Dearing agenda, at least as far as the Department for Education and Employment is concerned, is the need to reassert some control over a dangerously volatile higher education system now that the old distinction between universities and polytechnics has been abandoned. There are plenty of people in the elite universities willing to show the DEE, and Dearing, the way forward by proposing a universi-

That is an offer Dearing will



Sir Ron Dearing's committee has been tasked with examining and proposing the size, shape and cost of higher education in Britain

almost certainly refuse. Instead the review may focus more attention on the opposite end of the system, and particular on links between further and higher education. Already one higher education student in ten is studying in FE colleges, and "strategic alliances" between universities and colleges are proliferating. Colleges, without elaborate research missions, are also potentially cheap providers of entry-level

higher education.
In the future more and more

students may start their higher education in local colleges, as they do in America. They may also start out on vocational courses rather than degrees. This would also help to solve the expansion dilemma. Consolidation could be prolonged almost indefinitely while growth took place all around it - in FE colleges, in what the Americans call the corporate classroom and on

On the third issue Dearing cannot wave a magic wand that

virtual campuses

overnight will set the universities fiscally free and leave their students everywhere in chains to the banks or the Student Loans Company.

ven if the committee recommends the gradual and partial adoption of an Australian-style scheme, under which students take out loans to pay their fees, the universities' financial condition will not be suddenly transformed. For students it will simply mean an

then go for a master's

addition to the present levels of

None of this will wait on Dearing. Universities are already adjusting their business plans on the assumption that consolidation stays, and are seeking alternative avenues for growth, especially overseas. Only the most optimistic universities expect to be saved by privatised funding.

● The author is Director of the Centre

Labour

Party wants

WHATEVER the outcome of Sir Ron Dearing's deliberations, Labour is planning to shift the direction of higher education if it wins the next election.

Structural issues will await the Blunkett, the Shadow Education and Employment Secretary, has already signalled changes that a Labour government would favour. The one most likely to affect next year's applicants is a proposal to introduce a vocational element into all degree courses.

The scheme is a development of the Government's Enterprise in Higher Education programme which was launched in 1988 and comes to an end next year. Selected institutions are given £200,000 a year to adapt courses to include better preparation for working life.

In a recent lecture at Manchester Business School Mr Blunkett proposed extending the concept to all courses. An extra module could be added relating to the development of innovation, enterprise and the world of work.

Mr Blunkett said: "Students should think about how they can contribute to developing the world of work. This means understanding global economy, the potential for enterprise and innovation in their areas of study and the

possibilities for job creation."

The plan will be part of Labour's evidence to the Dearing inquiry, which will also make it clear that an incoming government would want to resume the expansion of higher education and reform the funding system to make this possible. The party wants student loans to be repaid over a longer period so that graduates can afford to make a greater contribution to the growing cost of the system. At the same time, state support would be extended to a wider range of

JOHN O'LEARY

Merging higher with further education would attract those from non-traditional educational backgrounds. Simon Midgley reports

tudents of the near future may find them-selves studying in mega universities teaching everything from basic skills to posteraduate courses.

The former polytechnics in particular are aware that there are no more admissions to be squeezed from their traditional pool of 18 to 19-year-old. qualified A-level students from social classes A and B.

With an eve to the older age groups and lower socio-economic groups, a number of new universities can be found talking to neighbouring further education colleges about the possibility of merging or

Further education colleges make an effort to make themselves as accessible as possible to their mature students. A study for Leeds University's Centre for Policy Studies in

Education found colleges making childcare arrangements for students who were divorced or from single-parent By linking with the further

education colleges, universities gain easier access to these types of student and can make the transition to higher educa-

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tion a less intimidating prospect. One example of this process

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is taking place in Derbyshire, where Derby University is working with five furthereducation colleges to create a single system of post-school education, opening up access to further and higher education for many more of the region's 700,000 adults. Groups currently underrepresented in higher education, such as the unemployed and single mothers, would be attracted by the offer of a progression through the system provided they acquire the necessary preparatory qualifications.

Professor Roger Waterhouse, the Derby University Vice-Chancellor, wants to reach the former mining villages in the east of the county. where levels of unemployment and social deprivation are high, and the isolated farming communities in the west. At the moment, he says, all the region's higher education-

Derby. The idea would be to take educational packages to both groups at a price that they can afford via computer terminals and through local study centres provided by the further education colleges. Further north, Leeds Metro-

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politan University has entered into a "strategic alliance" with Airedale and Wharfedale Further Education College, which could result in a merger. The aim here is to develop higher

al opportunities are locked up educational opportunities for manure students and those 18 to 19-year-old students who do not normally consider university education. Lesley Wagner, the universi-

> dents from non-traditional educational backgrounds to move through the post-school educational system knowing that the opportunity for a university education will be available to them without leaving home.

Meanwhile, in Birmingham, Britain's first Americanstyle city community university for local people could be created by the proposed merg-er of the University of Central ty's vice chancellor, wants to England with East make it easier for local stu-Birmingham College. The proposed institution was inspired American models such as

> system, which is linked with a number of local two and fouryear community colleges. The new merged institution would initially serve the needs

the Chicago University college

of the people of deprived east Birmingham but, if joined by other colleges, could become a city-wide university. This vision could lead to a city-wide university with 100,000 stu-dent enrolments by the year 2000, offering a seamless web of basic, further and higher educational opportunities to local people. Tony Henry, the principal of

East Birmingham College, envisages a progression whereby one could move from learning to read and write via other qualifications to studying eventually for a master's degree in the same college. "I don't think one is better than the other really."

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Degrees of learning while living at home

Rachel Waterfield found earning money was habit-forming during her year off between school and university. She still want-ed a degree to help to fulfil her long-term ambition to become a teacher, so she decided to join the growing number of young students spending their undergraduate years with the Open University.
The OU, Initially estab-

lished for adult learners who had missed the chance to go to university in their teens, allows students to work at their own pace using home study materials and its television programmes. The courses are backed up by frequent reg-ional tutorials and students are supported by a tutor who is at the end of the telephone.

There was a 20 per cent rise in the number of under-25s joining the OU last year alone, an expansion which reflects a trend for young students to stay at home for their degree. Rachel, 19, of Wisbech in Cambridgeshire, said: "I

would rather work at the same time as I am doing my degree. I sometimes wonder whether it would be easier if I was studying all the time because it is hard to sit down and work in the evenings. But the good points are being able to study when you want to. "I thought I would be un-

usual when I started and everyone would be a lot older, but some of the people on my course are in their twenties." Will Deane, from Plymouth in Devon, was also 18 when he signed up for an OU degree so he could stay at home. "I joined partly because I am dyslexic and felt the OU was

going to suit my learning needs better than a standard Young students are avoid student debt and partly choosing the Open

University, says David Charter

university, and partly because of the cost. I also thought I would come out with a better degree," he said. The OU supplied him with audio cassettes as well as printed course materials, so he can listen to information when he gets tired of reading. "I am also allowed to take my exams at home on my own computer." he said.

The OU does not target school-leavers, but is convinced the trend is to an increase in distance learning because of the keenness of students who want to hold down a job while they study. Sir John Daniel, Vice-Chancellor of the OU, said: "Young people have been showing interest in the OU, partly to

because they want to establish themselves in the job market while they are still studying."

The Higher Education Stat-lstics Agency has already not-leed a trend for students to remain much closer to home when embarking on a degree course. Half of Britain's freshers opted for a local university last autumn and an estimated one in five is living at home. Many students will be won-

dering whether they need a computer. University College London advises anyone planning to buy one to ensure it is compatible with the campus network. Professor Michael Worton, Dean of Arts at UCL, chaired a working group on IT issues for students. "We are increasingly asking for work to be word-processed, but we have been aware of the resource implications for students," he said. "We guarantee all students a minimum of five hours' usage a week on the college computers.



A Doll's House is filmed for the OU's literature course

Towns are finding ways to establish universities

Omorrow sees the launch of a new university, an increasingly common event. As more students choose to live at home and businesses look for higher education support when they consider relocation, a campus is becoming a must for a thriving town or city.

The Government now prevents institutions gaining promotion to university status. but it is still possible to acquire a degree base by linking with an existing university. Milton Keynes and Bedford both feature outposts of De Montfort University, Telford hosts the Shropshire campus of Wolverhampton University, and even the Scottish Highlands and Islands are seeking a univer-

sity of their own. Tomorrow's addition to the list will be Peterborough, where the Training and Enterprise Council has gone into partnership with an unnamed Midlands university to offer higher education from next September. The new institution will be a university college, catering initially for 200 students but building up to an

anticipated 11,000 by 2001. By the time the college is fully operational and ready to become a university in its own right, the region is expected to benefit by £100 million a year and 2,000 extra jobs. Michael Holland, who is organising the launch, says: "Unless there is a top university in Peterborough, we are going to see our

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young people drifting away and may not be able to attract them back later. On top of that, we find increasingly that companies expect a university

on their doorstep."
There are no plans for a green-field campus; the college will begin life in vacant office accommodation in the city centre, offering courses in echnology and management. The only new building will be a library and resources centre, although the medium-term plans are still flexible.

Among Peterborough's competitors for students in September will be a new university campus in Lincoln, which has been on the drawing board for several years. Nottingham Trent University won the initial contract to bring higher education to the city, but the Government's freeze on new enrolments pre-

vented it from progressing. A year ago, the mantle passed to Humberside University, which was looking for a new campus after running into accommodation problems in Hull and Grimsby. Rather than create a misleadingly named outpost, the institution has changed its name to Lincolnshire and Humberside University and is constructing a £32 million campus.

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Work in progress for new recruits

Tirst the bad news for those who are graduating from the new universities. Their unemployment rate is 11.8 per cent compared to degree holders from older universities who have an unemployment rate of 7.7 per cent. However, the good news is that the rate of employment for those from the new universities is increasing at double the rate of the

Although the improving economy and the better prospects for all graduates have something to do with this, there has also been something of a sea change among employers. A growing number are realising that more universities producing more graduates do not mean a lowering in quality but rather a very different graduate recruitment market place that can offer far more choice.

Trevor Morris is managing di-rector of the Quentin Bell Organis-ation, one of the largest public relations companies. "I do have a prejudice which I have had to overcome," he says.

"Anyone who has been to an established university must feel the same. I'm afraid that there is a traditional prejudice against vocational qualifications. But for me, for instance, a degree in marketing from Kingston is something I've grown really to respect. It's a question of getting the experience and knowledge about what these new universities are offering. We

Employment prospects for graduates from the younger universities are starting to improve, reports **Hugh Thompson**

degrees'

terms of qualifications and institutions."

Marks & Spencer, one of Britain's most respected companies. points out that 2 per cent of its top graduate suppliers are new universities. The company feels some of the teaching methods and skills being taught at the for-mer polytechnics are more appropriate to the

Kate Orebi Gann, a recruitment manager, says: "It does take more effort to keep well informed about what these new universities are doing, but we find recruiting from the widest base is best for our

Company."

Other leading recruiters feel there is a problem in knowing what certain courses really involve; there are also the pressures from the sheer numbers of applicants for the most desirable graduate posts. For a quick and easy cull of applications, it is easy just to blank out those with bad A levels and those who have been to less established universities.

Traditionally, employers have complained about lack of interpersonal and team skills in graduates. Many of the new universities have worked hard on breaking down the barriers between the world of undergraduates and the world of real work. Most employers are looking for something more than just academic achievement,

and the "other interests" column is considered There is a important by employers who are looking for confidence and entreprejudice preneurial ability. However, the old against vocational.

order does not just disappear. There are few places where the competition for graduate traineeships is more intense than in the big City law firms. Macfarlanes has about 3,000 applications

for its 30 graduate places each year. Although its recruiters may visit only the older universities in recent years, this has been balanced by having open days at its Holborn offices in London for law students from various new universities.

BMP, one of the largest advertising agencies, gets about 3,000 applicants for its five graduate traineeships every year. Most are recruited from Oxbridge. Peter Clay, head of accountant manage-ment, says: "We are looking for presentation skills, personality and academic ability. We look at anyone, but in the end not only are the Oxbridge people brighter, their more interesting and mature."

Last year, chartered accountancy firms recruited 3,800 graduates. Fewer than 10 per cent came from the new universities. Evidence in the profession is that those without good A levels and achieving a less than 2:1 degree find it difficult to handle the accountancy exams which have notoriously high failure

Ian Du Pre, national recruiting partner at Coopers & Lybrand, says: "It's not a snobbish prejudice, these exams are difficult even for the most academically inclined." In fact, 60 per cent of the intake comes

criteria. Midland Bank insists that to make out that graduates from Oxford and Cambridge are the best in all subjects is nonsense. And it is also true that reputations change. Turning so many further educational institutions into universities has helped to blur, if not obliterate,

Mike Killingly, serior manager executive training with the Mid-land Bank, says: "What we are interested in is good people. The quality of their degree is more important than their A levels or



Students at Huddersfield University: more graduates should mean more choice for employers

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areers advisers always stress that most graduate jobs are open to students from any discipline. Personal qualities and academic achievement are far more important than the choice of subject, John O'Leary writes.

Nevertheless, some subiects do have a better record than others in the employment stakes, just as some universities regularly do better than others. Predictably enough, science subjects tend to be a marginally

better bet inan arts. The figures are not as straightforward as they seem because some subjects lend themselves to further study or training and some highly vocational courses do generally lead to jobs. More

subject

In 1994, the last year for

ment rate in most subjects six months after graduation was close to the 9.7 per cent national average. But there

Among the 19 subjects surveyed by the Association of Graduate Careers Advisory Services in What do graduates do?, law had by far the lowest unemployment rate, at 4 per cent, followed by education, at 6.1 per cent.

The highest unemployment was in art and design. where is bet cent of ates were unemployed by the turn of the year, followed by sociology and social studies. where the rate was 13.4 per cent. Economics also had a relatively high rate, at 12.4

Careers advisers say that in subjects such as art and design, graduates expect to have a series of short-term posts before finding suitable long-term employment. This is true of most subjects where a high proportion of graduates limit their horizons to a particular field of

In the traditional universities alone, only medical sub-jects and education had a better record than business studies for the percentage going straight into permanent employment. Science subjects and engineering clearly outstripped the arts. with the exceptions of biology and physics, where only a third of graduates went straight into jobs. ● What do graduates do? £5.95: order line 01403 710851

ates go on to further study, for instance, because they cannot practise as barristers or solicitors with a degree alone. Similarly, there is very little unemi among graduates of medical schools, which the their intakes to the expected demand

which figures have been published, the unemploy-

GRADUATE DESTINATIONS 1994

EMPLOYMENT PROSPECTS

Tudents are well aware that a degree is no longer a passport to a job, let alone a career, David Charter and Chris Hadley write. Research published this week found that barely more than a quarter of finalists at 24 leading universities expected to start work within six months of leaving.

However, research by Stu-dent Marketing suggests that that is pessimistic. Within six months of graduation, more than half will have started some kind of work and nearly half will have been on a well-deserved holiday.

Even the most radical students rejoin the middle classes that most of them came from. Thirteen per cent enter retailing, although a number of these will be in temporary jobs. Eight per cent are in computing: 7 per cent - temporarily again in catering: 6 per cent in marketing or PR and 6 per cent become engineers.

The chances are that these jobs might not be what students had in mind at university. History of art degrees were not meant to land them a job at Marks & Spencer. The vast majority are keeping half an eye out

Time for a job?

for their next move. Nine per cent said their employment was temporary, while 46 per cent were kept busy for more than 30 hours a week.

Debt is a burden that affects 71 per cent of graduates and often dictates initial career moves. Thirty-three per cent have to move back in with their parents.

Some graduates cannot get enough of stuffy librar-ies. Thirty per cent go on to postgraduate degrees, although 10 per cent choose postgraduate studies because they can't find a job. and II per cent admit they are putting off the inevitable search for work.

The most modest expectations for earnings were in Liverpool and Belfast, where students expected to start on E11.000-£12.000. Students at Oxford and Cambridge, however, were more hopeful. They expected to start on

£16,000 and be earning £29,000 after five years. One in ten predicted salaries of £50,000 or more for them-

selves after five years. Sky-high salaries for fresh graduates are only really possible for successful City bankers, Martin Birchall, of High Fliers Research and the director of this week's survey, says.

The organisation that the 10,000 students surveyed would most like to work for was the BBC, followed by British Airways. Self-emplayment was the third most desired aim, then the United Nations, Marks & Spencer. IBM. Procter & Gamble, the NHS, the Civil Service and the European Union.

Mr Birchall says the most successful graduates were those with experience in their chosen field.

However, many students are relaxed about making career moves: 'Half the university population do not do anything until their final year." And one in six takes up to a year off after graduating. "Many are saying they are destined to go into careers which may last 40 years," Mr Birchall says, "so they do not have to start

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Jones takes Neath forward in the old-fashioned way

RAIN or shine, Darryl Jones, the Neath coach who saw his side clinch the Heineken League title by the narrowest of margins on Tuesday, is never without a distinctive form of headgear when watching his team play. This may not appear worthy of comment in these days when so much is changing in rugby union, but its significance is the fact that he eschews the baseball cap so fondly regarded by many of his

Adopting this quintessential American accessory is somehow meant to show them to be fashionable, up-to-the-minute and professional. It declares: "I am not one of the blazer, brogues and cavalry twill brigade," and no coach dare be without one.

Jones, however, is different. He sports a dapper little golfing number; plain, with no sponsor's logo. What his sartorial statement suggests is that the wearer is no copycat, a man with his own ideas. It may also be thought old-fashioned but Jones would not regard that as a slight. Imitating others and pursuing modern trends has not exactly advanced Welsh rugby that much. What about the old

"For too long in Wales we have been too ready to follow other countries instead of developing our own natural game," Jones, whose day-job is divisional manager of sports science at Neath Tertiary College, said. "We are, after all, a different breed, physically and temperamentally. I've always believed in the open game where the ball is played in the hands of 15 players. We need to play faster."

These ideas have swiftly transformed Neath from a club stuttering after its success at the end of the Eighties to one that is not only gathering its own momentum but setting the pace for other clubs to follow. At their best this season, and they have rarely strayed from the highest standards. Neath have played an

Gerald Davies pays

tribute to a coach

who dared to go back to the future

exciting, vibrant game. The speed of the ball, rather than constant physical attrition. has been the salient factor upon which their game has

been formed. We've surprised a lot of people, not least ourselves," he said. "We've come a long way very quickly but there's a long way still to go. Other clubs are aware of our reputation and the pressure has been on us of late, but we must learn to take that in our stride."

His is the most talked-about team of the year, having managed to combine those two characteristics that far too many believe are mutually exclusive: winning rugby and entertainment. They scored 121 tries in 22 league matches, four times as many as in the previous season and, crucially, two more than Cardiff, with whom they finished level

on points. Jones, a Neath man to his bones, knows the club has seen successful times before. The town knows the club plays exciting rugby. The people expect it to be that way and will not want anything less," he said. He was educated at the town grammar



Jones: European quest

school a hothed of sporting and academic achievement, and returned there in a teaching capacity after it became the Tertiary College.

It serves as a nursery to the club, 11 of the championship squad having been under Jones's guidance there and consequently familiar with his

style.
"It was a matter of getting the others in the squad to be comfortable with it." he said. "It is not easy to convince people to change to a different way of playing. But we were fortunate early on when we beat Fiji at their own game.

That was the moment when the players themselves were convinced. We do not throw the ball around willynilly. We play it wide one moment, close the next. Time for the threequarters to run, time for the Llewellyn brothers at lock or John Davies, the prop, and the rest to have a

It is fair to say, even at this early stage of their progress, that no side in these islands passes the ball with the fingertipping talent of the Neath back division.

The team had the reputation of playing a fast game during the five-year period from 1987 when they dominated Welsh rugby. In those pre-Heineken days they won the championship three times and the cup twice, but there was much about their rugby then that was of the headless chicken variety. Their rugby now, though as quick, is more composed and clear-headed and thus more appealing to a wider audience.

Gone, too, is the threatening and intimidatory mood that had been attached to them. They did not always go out of

their way to curry favour. The championship now belongs to them; the cup, too, was nearly theirs. Jones's style has clearly made a point in Wales. What he savours now the chance to do so in European competition. That is where he hopes Neath will come of age.



Johnson to concentrate on business after becoming unhappy with Lakers

Johnson gives up the magic

By Our Sports Staff

attracted suspensions.

he could play in the National

Basketball Association after

a 42-year hiatus. He first quit

in November 1991 after being

AN APPARENTLY disillusioned Earvin "Magic" Johnson, the HIV-positive basketball player who came out of a four-year retirement to play for the Los Angeles Lakers this season, is retiring again, his agent said on Tuesday.

The agent said Johnson was retiring to concentrate on business affairs, but the player had aiready publicly hinted he was unhappy with his role on the team, hoping to see more action as a point guard rather than a power

He also became disendiagnosed as having the vichanted with the attitude of rus that can lead to AIDS. On January 30, Johnson present-day players and was outspoken, especially when his team-mates, Cedric Ceballos and Nick Van Exel, made his comeback, after

selling his five per cent ownership stake in the team and signing a contract for \$2.5 Johnson had no immediate million (about £1.6 million) to comment, announcing the play until the end of the end of his career in a stateseason. He was to become a ment by his agent, Lon Rosen, Rosen said Johnson, free agent on July 1. 36, had "accomplished what he set out to do." by proving

Rosen said Johnson would continue to play in exhibition games around the world. His business interests include a chain of cinemas and a building and land develop-

Bates closes in . on new deal to finance Chelsea

BY OUR SPORTS STAFF

CHELSEA'S long-term future could soon become clearer after an announcement yesterday that Ken Bates, the chairman, is close to securing new financial support. Bates is searching for backers to fund the wholesale redevelopment of Stamford Bridge and to finance the team-building plans of Ruud Gullit, the newly-appointed player-

manager. An agreement between Bates and Matthew Harding. a director, to put together the financial package collapsed last week leaving Bates to find support from elsewhere. Harding - who has had a series of protracted public disputes with Bates — still owns the freehold to Stamford Bridge

and remains on the board. Robert Ellis, of Ellis & Partners, stockbrokers to Chelsea Village, the parent company of Chelsea Football Club, said yesterday: "There are at least two other avenues of financing which are being actively pursued. Chelsea is very close to securing as much finance as it can possibly need both for the football club and the hotel which is going to be built in the next 18 months. The Harding deal hasn't worked, but there are a lot of other people who love Chelsea and would like to be involved."

Fresh investment could be easier to attract if Gullit can capture some high-profile signings to supplement the squad he has inherited from Glenn Hoddle. Gianluca Vialli, the Italy and Juventus forward, is widely tipped to be the first arrival.

Harding still has something approaching a 12 per cent stake in the holding company. Bates, however, is pressing ahead confidently with his plans and is exploring

a number of options. The development of Stamford Bridge could be financed from fixed term capital from overseas while Bates, with up to 50 million shares in Chelses Village now available, could seek a City-based consortium to raise money. Another op-tion would be to buy the

freehold from Harding -Bates has the right to do so for a fixed rate £16.5million exercisable until 2012 - and then re-mortgage for £25 million. Harding has no say in the selling price of the freehold for another lo years, although the value will have risen after the granting of planning permission.

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While Bates tries to get the club on a sound footing off the field. Gullit has named his hackroom team. Graham Rix. the former Arsenal and England midfield player, was yesterday promoted to first-team coach in succession to Peter Shreeves.

"We thank Peter for his efforts over the last three years," Colin Hutchinson, the managing director, whose re-sponsibilities in the Gullit regime include contracts and transfers, said.

Rix, who became reserve team manager during last season, will coach the England Under-21 squad at the Toulon International tournament next week. Gullit, who will also offer a position to Eddie Niedzwiecki, the former Wales goalkeeper, has confirmed that Gwyn Williams will be his assistant manager.

Trevor Francis, the newlyappointed manager of Birmingham City, has re-turned to Sheffield Wednesday, his former club, to recruit three members of his new backroom team.

He is expected to name Mick Mills, the former Ipswich and England captain, and Frank Barlow, who played for Sheffield United and Chesterfield, as joint assistant managers. Arvei Lowe is to become Birmingham's fitness trainer.

Michael Knighton, the Carlisle United chairman, has confirmed that Mervyn Day, the manager, will be offered a new two-year contract, despite the club's relegation.

Knighton said: "Mervyn inherited the No I coaching pos-ition under difficult circumstances on the departure of Mick Wadsworth to

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Lion Nathan Ltd and Others v CC Bottlers Ltd and Others Before Lord Goff of Chieveley, Lord Jauncey of Tullichettle, Lord Hoffmann, Sir John May and Sir

[Judgment May 14]

Where a company had been sold at a price fixed by reference to a projected earnings forecast in circumstances where the vendors had given the purchasers a warranty that such earnings were achievable but had made an improper forecast, and the court in assessing damages had to choose the figure which a forecast made with reasonable care was most likely to have produced, there was a prima facie assumption that in absence of contrary evidence the most likely forecast would have reflected the actual result.

The Judicial Committee of the ing an appeal by the vendors, Lion Nathan Lid and two subsidiary companies. against part of a judgment of the Court of Appeal of New Zealand (Mr Justice Richardson. Mr Justice Gault and Mr Justice McKay) delivered on February 15, 1995. Increasing an award of damages made against the vendors by the trial judge. Mr Justice Blanchard, on March 29,

David A. R. Williams, QC, of the New Zealand Bar and Mr Lyn L Stevens, of the New Zealand Bar, for the vendors: Mr Alan Galbraith, QC. Mr David Hurd and Miss Jane F. Anderson, all of the New Zealand Bar, for the

LORD HOFFMANN, giving the judgment of their Lordships, said that the vendors had agreed to

purchasers had not been given access to the company's books and had to rely upon the information provided by the vendors.

The price was calculated by applying a multiple of 20 to the vendors' forecast of the expected profits after tax in the company's year of account ending September 2, 1989.

The vendors were willing to warrant the accuracy of the lorecast up to the date of completion. July 3, 1989, and the contract provided for an adjustment of the price to reflect any shortfall in the forecast profit up to that date. But because thereafter the com-

pany was expected to be under the control of the purchasers, the vendors were willing to offer only a more limited warranty in respect of the earnings during the remain-ing two months or so of the

financial year.

They supplied a projected revenue statement which forecast that the company's earnings before interest and tax during that period would be \$2.223 million and warranted that the projected revenue statement had been calculated on a proper basis and the forecast results referred to therein were achievable based on current trends and performance.

in the event, there was a substantial shortfall in earnings over the whole of the financial year. That led, in accordance with the contract, to an adjustment of the price by reference to the shortfall in respect of the first 10 months. The action arose out of the forecast of \$2.223 million for the last two months. The actual earnings during that period were \$1.233

The judge held that there had been a breach of warranty. He

found that the forecast had not been calculated on a proper basis and that the forecast results were not reasonably achievable. The Court of Appeal upheld his finding on liability and there was no appeal against that decision. The

issue was over the measure of

Their Lordships held that the damages were the difference between the price agreed on the assumption of \$2.223 million earnings and what the price would have been, using the same method of calculation, if the forecast had

been properly made. The crucial question was the ascertainment of what a properly prepared forecast would have been. The judge decided that it would

have been \$1.6 million. The Court of Appeal held that the figure of \$1.6 million was too high and that a properly prepared forecast would have been in the region of the actual outcome, namely \$1,223

In a case in which it was possible to isolate the negligent error from the rest of the forecast it would be reasonable to say that in other respects the forecast would have been the same. All that was necessary was to adjust the figure. But in this case, the breach of warranty went to the whole meth-

it was therefore necessary to approach the question objectively and ask what a reasonable forecast would have been. That in turn involved choosing from within the range of forecasts, all of which would have been reasonable interpretations of the information then available to the vendor.

Where within that range should the court choose? The only rational course open to a court in such

produced. One would start with a prims facie assumption that the range of reasonable possible fore-casts would be distributed around the figure which was the actual

The uncertainty inherent in the process of forecasting might have led to reasonable forecasts both higher and lower than the actual outcome. But since those uncertainties tended in both directions, the only way in which a court, required to find a particular figure, could deal with the matter was to regard the unpredictable factors as cancelling each other

The actual outcome was there-fore prima facie likely to have represented the mean and therefore the figure most likely to have been put forward. That prima facie assumption might, however, be displaced by evidence that the outcome was affected, in one particular direction, by a factor which could not have been reason-

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ably foreseen. For example, if demand was reduced by the imposition of an unforeseen tax after the date of the forecast, the mean of the whole range of reasonable forecasts would to that extent be higher than

But the mere existence of uncertainties which could have affected the outcome either way was no more than the reason why there would have been a range of reasonable forecasts and did not affect a conclusion that the most likely mean figure would have been the actual outcome. In the present case there was no evidence to displace that prima facie

Solicitors: Dibb Lupton Broomhead; Alan Taylor & Co.

Order quashed because appellant died

Regina v Kearley (Deceased) Before Lord Justice Swinton Thomas, Mr Justice Tucker and Mr Justice Douglas Brown

Judgment May 8j
On a reference to the Court of
Appeal by the Home Secretary
against a confiscation order where
an appellant had died and was thus unavailable to contest any new material put forward by the prosecution, injustice could result if the confiscation order were not

The Court of Appeal, Criminal Division, so stated in allowing an appeal on a reference by the Home Secretary under section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 against a confiscation order in the sum of E10,371.34 made under the Drug Trafficking Offences Act 1986 against Alan Robert Michael Kearley in May 1989 at Bourne-mouth Crown Court (Judge Best) after conviction of one count of unlawfully supplying a controlled Class B drug, one count of possess-ing a controlled Class B drug with

intent to supply and two counts of possessing a Class B drug. He had also pleaded guilty on other indictments to one count of possessing a controlled Class B drug and four counts of handling

stolen goods. He was sentenced to a total of five and half years imprisonment in addition to the confiscation order. Mr John Aspinall, QC, assigned by the Registrar of Criminal Appeals, for the appellant; Mr Jeremy Carter-Manning, QC and Mr Andrew Mitchell for the

MR JUSTICE DOUGLAS BROWN, delivering the judgment of the court, said that in November 1990 on appeal to the Court of Appeal against conviction and sentence Kearley's appeal against conviction was dismissed and his sentence was reduced to four years

and one month. A question of general public importance was referred to the House of Lords as a consequence which three counts (counts 6, 7

and 8) relating to drug offences were quashed and the case was remitted to the Court of Appeal for consideration as to whether the confiscation order should be set

Before the case could be re-listed the appellant was shot and died. The Court of Appeal decided that the death of the appellant had caused the appeal to abate and the House of Lords agreed that it had no jurisdiction to consider the confiscation order after the death of an appellant.

Nevertheless it was held by the Court of Appeal in R v Maguire (1992) QB 936) that the wide meaning of section 17(1)(a) of the Criminal Appeal Act 1968 gave the court power to consider a reference by the Home Secretary in respect in those circumstances, after representations from Kearley's

widow, that the Home Secretary had referred the matter to the Court of Appeal.

anything other than properly made until the three offences

(counts 6 to 8) were quashed. Kearley, through his counsel, had submitted to the making of the confiscation order in the sum of £10,371.34. But now it was argued that the circumstances of his conviction on count 5 did not in itself warrant confirming the confiscation order in that sum.

Counsel for the Crown recognised that a new situation was created by the quashing of the counts and that the concession made on behalf of Kearley at Bournemouth Crown Court could

Because he was not available to meet the Crown's case put in these new circumstances injustice could result. The circumstances of the reference were unusual and exceptional if not unique and the confiscation order would have to be set aside.

Solicitors: Crown Prosecutiv

deal Harlequins Chell get money Chell alayers for players

By David Hands, Rugby correspondent

HARLEQUINS, who have always had the ability to tap the London markets for jobs and sponsorship, have attracted a 3 million cash injection which will make them as wellprepared as any club in England for rugby union's first season of full professionalism.

In January, Harlequins announced a £1.5 million, threeyear agreement with the Japanese communications firm, NEC, designed to fund the club's youth programme and ground refurbishment. Now they have granted a 40 per cent equity interest in the club to Riverside Sports, the leisure group specialising in tennis, health and fitness clubs, in return for money which will secure the club's

playing strength.
"In the era of professional rugby union, Harlequins will have the financial, playing and management resources to continue as a major club in England and, in the future, Europe," Roger Looker, the chairman, said. The deal depends on Harlequins becoming a limited company, which will be ratified on May 28.

Club members approved the change in principle on Tuesday night and the controlling share interest will be held by the newly-formed Harlequins Trust, chaired by Looker, whose rugby directors will be Colin Herridge and Donald Kerr. The new money will also enable Harlequins to develop the Stoop memorial ground into an all-seated stadium, of which the first phase will be a new 4,000-capacity

East Stand. So far, while they have been linked with any number of incoming stars, the club's activities in the transfer market have been confined to Gareth Llewellyn, the Welsh lock who will leave Neath on the crest of a wave. On Tuesday, Llewellyn led Neath to their first Heineken League title since 1991, the inaugural

year of the competition. "Gareth goes with our blessing," Lyn Jones, the Neath assistant coach, said after his club's emotional win over Ponty-pried secured the title, by a mere two tries over an eightmonth season, from Cardiff. "He is by far the best technician in his position I have come across and he has been a great servant of Neath."

The Neath of 1991 were frenetic and all-action but lacked the control of the truly great club sides. They played their rugby with a scowl; translated to the national stage, as it was by Ron Waldron — then the Welsh coach — their style proved flawed, but this season they have embraced the fluid yet constructive rugby which is proving so successful in the southern hemisphere.

The new Neath will be a credit to Wales when they take the European stage next sea-son, a stage which they will share with Harlequins if the competition proposed by European Rugby Cup Ltd the company established by the five nations — is not boycotted by the English and Welsh clubs, as they have threatened to do. The two have been drawn in pool C along with Ulster, Scottish North and Midlands, and the runners-up in the forthcoming French championship final.

England and Wales are still in discussions with their governing bodies. Perhaps all concerned should take a leaf out of Ireland's book. The concept of the "peace" international with the Barbarians in Dublin on Saturday has been readily accepted, but unfortunately the Baa-baas have lost not only Francois Pienaar, but Ben Clarke, Warwick Waugh Olivier Roumat from their original XV. The replacements are Steve Ojomoh, Dean Richards. Nigel

Hill longs to join Monaco dynasty

Oliver Holt reveals

Briton's desire to add his name to list of

Formula One greats

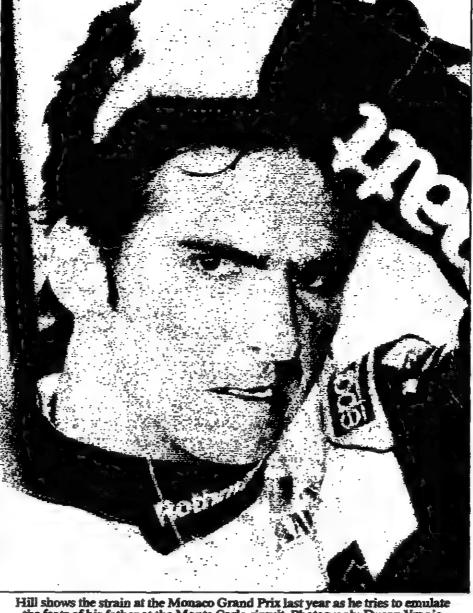
IT IS a relatively short journey from Nice Airport to Monaco but the local taxi drivers feel inspired at this time of year. They like to make it exciting. Yesterday, it started with an early brake test on a pursuing car and hit its high point with a guided tour of the scuff marks where errant vehicles have bounced off the sides of a nunnel. "These guys are not Michael Schumacher or Damon Hill," the cabbie said, laughing manically.

Schumacher deserves the compliment. The world champion has won in the winding streets of the Principality for the past two years, laying claim to the title. King of Monaco, once bestowed on Graham Hill, a five-time winner here, and on Ayrton Senna, who went one better. The victories have cemented the German's reputation.

Hill the younger, though, has made a few scuff marks of his own. Not in the tunnel that the cars roar through here, perhaps, but certainly on the guard rails approaching the first corner. Ste Devote, where he collided with Mika Hakkinen's McLaren in 1994 on the first lap. Last year, when he should have won, he was deprived by a wrong choice of strategy. Even though he has won

four of this season's five races and leads the race for the world championship by 22 points from his team-mate, Jacques Villeneuve, Hill admitted yesterday that he needs to win here on Sunday to establish himself among the leading drivers of his generation and join the exalted company of Senna. Schumacher and Alain Prost. the only men who have won here in the past 12 years.

"It carries a great deal of kudos on anyone's CV if they can win the Monaco Grand Prix," Hill said. "It ranks up there with the Indianapolis 500 and the Le Mans 24-hour race. It is the jewel in the crown of the championship. It is the one race that if you win Redman and Olivier Brouzet. it, it means you are a racing



the feats of his father at the Monte Carlo circuit. Photograph: Dusan Vranic

driver of extremely high calibre. It is somewhere that stands alone in the calendar. It is the sort of place where you are challenged in a completely different way.

"It has the reputation that only the best drivers win it and that makes it even more desirable to win it. I would dearly love to be on the top of the podium on Sunday. It would be nice to get six wins for the Hill family to equal

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but I would be a lot happier if i

Hill said Schumacher, who has recently moved from Monaco to a new home near Geneva, was likely to pose the greatest threat in his Ferrari. Jean Alesi might also figure despite his recent struggles at Benetton, and Villeneuve might also be a contender. The demands of the track, though, were at the forefront of Hill's

The moment you step into the car here," he said, "you

know it is going to be a unique experience. It is a bit of an anachronism in terms of safety because there are hardly any run-off areas and there is no way back if you have a problem. There is no place where you can sit back and have a little think. It mesmerises you. In one part, you can almost be standing still and then in another you

are driving at a ridiculous speed through a dark tunnel." Perhaps the taxi driver could help him with that bit.

Muster confident in word and deed

THOMAS MUSTER, the No I seed, from Austria, moved into the third round of the Italian Open tennis championship in Rome yesterday, but was unrepentant about his criticism of leading American players entering tournaments on clay courts only to pull out. "I've got nothing against Americans," he said, "but they shouldn't enter tournaments and then pull out. It's not correct. We have to watch out that people don't lose interest in European tournaments.

On court, Muster beat Petr Korda, of the Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-3, while Jim Courier, of the United States, the No 5 seed, lost 6-4, 6-4 to Hernan Gurny, of Argentina. Clare Wood, the British No 1, was beaten 6-2, 6-2 by Mariaan de Swardt, of South Africa, in the first round of the Rover championships in Cardiff yesterday.

McMillan chases title

BOXING: Frank Maloney, who promotes Colin McMillan, is prepared to pay £1 million for a match between McMillan and Nascem Hamed, the World Boxing Organisation (WBO) featherweight champion. Hamed would receive £750,000 and McMillan £250,000. McMillan beat Jon Jo Lyvin of Doublette the Position between the Position of Doublette the Position of Positi Irwin, of Doncaster, the British champion at Dagenham on Tuesday. Irwin was ranked No 4 by the WBO.

England ring changes

BOWLS: Six players who were in last year's winning 26woman squad have been dropped, and all six rinks reshuffled for England's defence of the British women's outdoor team title at Royal Learnington Spa next month. There are four newcomers — Wendy Barnard, Rhona Darling, Ann Harrison and Janet Newman - and Judy Armstrong and Dora Farman have been recalled.

Audi pay penalty

MOTOR RACING: The organisers of the Auto Trader British Touring Car Championship yesterday raised the weight penalty on four-wheel drive cars from 65kg to 95kg. after pressure from rival teams to reduce the speed advantage of the all-conquering Audi, in which Frank Biela, of Germany, has won four of the first six rounds of the 26-race championship.

Whelton rejoins Giants

BASKETBALL: Manchester Giants have turned to their former American coach, Joe Whelton, to succeed Mike Hanks, who left after the Budweiser Championship playoffs a formight ago. Whelton, 40, was Manchester's most successful coach, leading the club (then known as United) to a play-off triumph in 1985 and the league title in 1986.

Master of all courts

REAL TENNIS: James Male, the world rackets champion. won the Laurent-Perrier Masters real tennis championship qualifying event with a straight-sets victory over Paul Tabley, the Australian professional, at the Queen's Club. Male takes his place in the main draw in the group that includes Robert Fahey, the world champion.

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SHEEHAN on BRIDGE

BY ROBERT SHEEHAN, BRIDGE CORRESPONDENT As West you pick up

#AKQ4 #AK1063 +Q942 and have to make a bid after this auction:

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When this hand came up at TGR's, my partner. a Swedish international, doubled after long thought. That ended the auction. This was the full deal:

Love all Dealer West •JB32 **4014** 4K654 44 4975 AKQ4 ¥9752 VAK 1063 +Q942 **+106 48 +KJ83**

Contract: Four Clubs Doubled, by South Lead: Ace of spader

The auction developed awk-wardly for me (East) after my psychic response of 1 NT to West's One Heart. The point of bidding 1 NT is that it may steal the contract when North-South's values are split. Sometimes, even when they enter the auction, you get a chance to show your weakness. For example, say North had a hand suitable for a pass of my parmer's double of Three Diamonds. Now, I would have taken

out to Three Hearts, and, as I would not do that on a hand with a genuine I NT response. that would have demonstrated my hand type. The way that the auction went, for ethical reasons, I could not possibly remove the double of Four Clubs as, by his long pause, my parmer had made it clear that he was making a dubious double. In practice, Four Hearts goes two off on best defence, better at any rate than Four Clubs doubled and

What do you think of West's double of Four Clubs? That is clearly wrong; West has described his hand - strong. because he has reversed with Two Spades over South's Two Clubs, and with diamond length as he has doubled Three Diamonds. Thus, as he has painted an exact picture of his hand, he should leave any other action to his partner. East has heard West give this description, and yet has passed Four Clubs -- it should have been clear to West what was going on.

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By Philip Howard

BLATANT BEAST a. Henry VIII b. The type of calumny c. Lord Castlereagh

MANTUAN SWAN a. A Classics package tour b. The Italian grey swan c. Virgil

WORD-WATCHING

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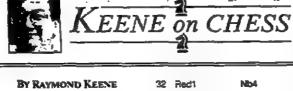
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MANSARD a, A curved roof b. A short two-edged sword c. Official report of the Lords **GALLIO**

a. A high-heeled buskin b. Chicken stuffed with minoe

c. A fainéant fellow Answers on page 45



33 Pxc7

BY RAYMOND KEENE CHESS CORRESPONDENT

One of Gata Kamsky's main strengths is his complete absence of fear. He is a great fighter who rarely concedes an Even at the age of 17, when

the game below was played. Kamsky was not in the least put out by having to face the man who had been world champion from 1975 to 1985. in fact, Kamsky inflicted on

the former champion one of his rare defeats with the White pieces. As with so many games between Karpov and Kamsky. the game far exceeds, in length, the standard for international events, which is approximately 40 moves.

White: Anatoly Karpov Black: Gata Kamsky Tilburg, 1991

Grunfeld Defence

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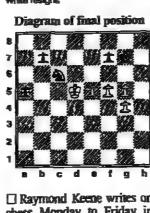
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By Raymond Keene

White to play. This position is from the game Bunjoch -Matocha, Czechoslovakia, 1968. Here, White must act quickly as his own king is at the mercy of the Black major pieces. Can you see what he played?

Solution on page 45



WINNING MOVE

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SECOND XI CHAMPENS Second day of three: Chelmadord: Gloucesterstire 214 (N. J. Tramos 61) and 42-0. Essas 374-7 doc (A. J. E. Höbberl 85, F. D. Peters 87) Hastingdon: Sussex 154 (R. J. Green 5-55) and 246-4 (T. A. Radford 95 and out, K. Greenfield 61). Lanceshire 133 (N.T. Wood 64) 173 Hamfingden: Sussex 154 (R J Green 5-55) and 246-4 (T A Rainford 98 nor out, K Greenfleid 61). Lanceshire 133-(N T Wood 50: JD Lewry 5-34). Maildstenz Kart 373-4 dec (N W Preston 73, R Key 62, D J Spenoar 81, S C Wilse 60) and 62-2. Liciostarchire 281 (N W Preston 4-69). Portypridd: Somerset 417-1 clac (H-Morgen 200 not out and 18-0. Glemongan 345-7 dec (A D Shaw 173 not out). Todingroffer: Notingstensibre 289 (M P Downen 55) and 283-4 (J R Wilseman 113 not out, W M Noon 82. R T Bates 64). Pleases 5-60). Unbridge: Middleost 299 (J C Hemison 79, K P Duffer 163, J M Ce la Pere 4-79), and 63-0. Surrey 411-8 dec (J D Restolfe 110. G J Kennis 81, N F Sargeart 824. Worcester: Worcestershire 303 and 134-5 (V S Solarid 64). Northernoconshive 390-9 dec (T J Roberte 122, A J Swen 107. M Anjad 7-71). Pleas day of Brest Southerpton: Warwickshire 246 (C R Howell 65). D A Mascaramhas 4-42) and 17-0. Hamparise 130 (D A Aliree 8-56).

FOOTBALL.

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REALTENNIS ORATORY SCHOOL: Laurent-Perfer Meeters: Cluellying event: First rounts P Tabley (fust) to 3 Howell (GB) 6-5, 6-4, 6-2, J Metel (GB) bit K Sheldon (GB) 6-2, 5-6, 8-4, 8-4, First: Mele bit Tabley 6-3, 6-4, 8-5.

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OFF the conveyor belt of Great Britain's judo talent comes yet another prospective Olympic medal-winner. The most dangerous competitors in the Garnes are those who are rapidly fulfilling their potential in Olympic year and Danny Kingston is typical of this breed.

When the European championships, a dress-rehearsal for the Games, begin in The Hague today, Kingston will be among the most scrutinised of fighters in the lightweight class. He has the same work-manlike skill and clean-cut technique that have given Britain such a distinguished pedigree in the sport. A world junior bronze medal-winner in 1993, he was seventh in the senior world championships that year and then fifth in 1995. This year, he has displayed formidable consistency, coming third in the Paris and Munich tournaments, which were attended by many of the world's leading fighters.

There is no pressure on Kingston in The Hague. "I

think I am going to do well.

John Goodbody finds a rising star offering

signs of British judo success in Atlanta

but, if I do badly, I do badly," better, rather than worrying if he said. "It is a little warm-up he gets thrown. for the Games.

"If I worry, i never perform well. For the Games, I will train just as hard as for other leading tournaments. In fact, I could not train any harder." Kingston is a member of

The Budokwai in South Kensington, the oldest judo club in Europe, where he gets advice from Peter Blewett, Ray Stevens, who was second in the light-heavyweights at the 1992 Olympics, and Tony Sweeney, who fought for Britain at the 1964 Games.

Kingston said: "A variety of people help me. I pick and choose the advice. I usually know when I am doing something wrong." Sweeney said: "Although he

has an excellent contest spirit, he is very sensible in the way that he practises. He does a job of work when he is training. He uses it to get

"He does not stint himself and is clearly focused, but still enjoys the sport. He does not feel any pressure in training, although his category is one in which there are plenty of 'campaigning' people."

He finds the European

method of training more intense than in Japan, the mecca of the sport, where he spent last month preparing for the European championships. "However, the judo is still fantastic there," he added. There are so many people and it is nice, loose judo. You can practise properly."

His unusually long arms and wide chest, partly developed from his regime of completing 80 consecutive press-ups in a minute, always give him the impression of being heavier than the weight limit of 71kg. He often is, weighing 77kg

the level of a world-clas marathon runner. He was not particularly fond of other sports at school, although he enjoyed athletics. Did he study hard then? -

in training and then rigorously dieting before contests. Like

most competitors in the com-

bat sports, he spends hours

worrying that his weight does

"It is not that I am swallowing lots of sugary drinks," he said. "I like good food, lots of

it. I am particularly fond of

spare ribs - I could eat them

all day long - but most of the

time I eat pasta and salads."

When he is competing, he has a body fat level of 8 per cent.

"No, not really, I just sat

not get out of control.

Judo has been a revelation in his life and he survives as a full-time competitor through support from his parents in Wokingham and the Sports Aid Foundation. "I like the physicality of judo," he said. There are just two of you out there on the mat. It is your victory or your defeat. No one else is involved."



Kingston displays the kind of grip that is taking him closer to realising his dream of Olympic triumph

Going: good to firm 2.00 (Im 28 Syd) 1. BATHILDE M.J. Kirune, 6-1); 2, Kinlochewe (W. Byer, 13-8 lav), 3, Rouge Rancon (T. Curin, 7-2), ALSO RAN; 13-2 Wild Rumou (49), 8 Zelzelan (5th), 9 Miss Rivera (8th) 6 ran, NR. Cicled 114, 7, 7, sh hd, 34, M. Stoute at Newmarkst, Tote 98 60, 62 S0, 61 60 DF; 67 S0 CSF; 614,64.

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S-1 Moster Sandy, 4-1 Carous Colours, 9-2 Colorius Ambition, 5-1 Reptuel Bodine, 6-1 El Don, 7-7 Eben Al Hebest, 8-1 Santalia Boy

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8 4 Ahra Althi, 3-1 Yartan Tzadentrats, 7-2 Mars Of Myslery, 9-2 Ceius Town, 16-1 Synderborough Lad, Spliny, 25-1 others.

U-40 CEDRIC CROSTON HANDICAP CHASE

6.15 FREDDIE'S INTERNATIONAL NOVICES

HURDLE (£2,905: 2m 4f) (7)

(£3.551: 3m 1f) (8)

(Amateurs: £1,764: 3m 1f) (11 runners)

2.35 (77 202yd) 1, FIRST ISLAND (R Cochrane, 11-2, Our Newmarket Correspondent's naigh; 2, Green Green Desert (D Harrison, 16-1); 3, Clar Ben (M J Kinzne, 7-2 ten), ALSO RAN- E Texave (4th), 13-Monaassib (5th), 7 Berteviour, 8 Jewesal, 10

Green Partuma, Silica Blanka, 25 Lep Ot Lucury, 33 Nagnegneg, 13 ran. 2½, 1¼, 2, sh hd, 2, G Wragg at Newmarket. Tote: £8.40; £2.10, £3.90, £1.80 DF: £67.60. Trics £82.30 CSF. £85.74. Tricsast: £33.1 79 After a stawards' inquiry, the result stood

S.05 (5f) 1. FAIRY WIND (M.J.Krisne, 14-1); 2. Breve Edge (R.Hughes, 7-1); 3. Twice As. Sharp (G. Hind, 14-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 to Pride Of Bridger, 7 Mr Oscar, 8 Royal Dome.

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7.15 WEATHERBYS BANKING SKY SERVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,562: 2m 110yd) (6) 1 1523 ALBERNATE 12 (D.BF.F.G) Mr. J. Cor.B. 7-11-11 T. Kmt. 2 (227) DAMACHO CUT 10 (D.F.G) Mr. J. Cor.B. 7-11-11 (Berl) ... D. Bridgwater 3 1141 RED VALFRAN 19 (B.D.F.) J. U. Shea 5-11-2. (Berl) ... D. Bridgwater 4 4550 TEEN LAY 26 (D.F.G.S.) 8 Lienethy B-11-2. (Berl) ... A P. McCoy 5 0941 BALLTY 19 (B.C.F.) C Marra 4-12-10 (Berl) ... R. Deswood 6 -81P WELL APPOINTED 8 (BF.F.) 8 Machagant 7-10-2. (L. Wyer 5.45 Kenilworth, 6.15 Mester Sandy, 6.45 Tartan Tradewinde, 7.16 Albernine, 7.46 Earlymorning Light, 8.15 Strong Approach, 8.45 Garmwin.

5-2 Albertine, 3-1 Red Valerian, 4-1 Diamond Cut, Yield Appointed, 8-1 others. 7.45 LIVERPOGL ECHO WOMAN EXTRA NOVICES CHASE (£2,894: 2m 41) (4)

4-5 Entymptoing Light, 5-4 Mertine Dream, 10-1 others 8.15 SUNDAY BEST COUTURE HANDICAP CHASE (£4,463: 2m) (8)

9-4 Full O'Praise, 7-2 Selfash, 5-1 Strong Approach, Dr Rocket, 6-1 offices.

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1 0120 THE BOUNDER 25 (D.F.S) O Shawood 8-11-8 ... J A MoCarthy
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3 4806 GARNWAN 29 M Hendeson 6-11-2 ... J R Karawate
4 6 WHATASHOT 10 D McCain 8-11-2 ... D McCain
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COURSE SPECIALISTS

9 Lago Di Vareno, 10 Insider Treder, Seddishome, 11 Ziggy's Dencer (6th), 14 Lady Sheriff (5th), Stoten Kiss, 20 Portielet, Sweet Magic (4th), 25 Launel Delight, 15 ran, NR, Inherent Magic, 5h, nk, nk, nd, 1½, N Callaghan at Newmenter Tote, £10 90, £3.20, £3.20, £7.50, DF £32.30, Trec, £853.00 CSF £107.73 Tracast £1.316.75 Sess 30 CSF £107.73 Traces* £1,316.75
3.40 (1m 2: 85yd) 1, GLORY OF DANCER
(O Pestier, 3-1), 2, Dushyantor (W Ryan, 51): 3, Jack Jennings (S Sanders, 25-1),
ALSO RAN: 5-2 (-lav Nash House (4th),
Storm Trooper (6th), 16 Double Leaf (5th),
20 Bahaman Krught 7 tan, 14, 11, 11, 1d, 14,
P Kalleway al Mewmarist Tote, 24 30:
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4.10 (6t) 1, PROUD NATIVE (M J Kinane, 51); 2, Indian Spark (T Sprake, 9-2): 3,
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4.40 (1m 8i 194yct) 1, CELEFIIC (W Carson, 3-1 lav. Richard Evens's riap); 2, Golden Arrow (K Darley, 12-1); 3, Turgenew (Dele Gibson, 25-1); ALSO RAN. 7-2 Stranst (Str), 4 Midyan Blue (Ath, 9-2 Bowdrife Court, 12 Floating Line, Hasta Le Vista (6th), 14 Highilying, 9 ran. 11, hd. hd. 11, 41, D. Morley at Newmarket, Totar LS 50; E1 80, E2,40, E6.00. DF: E20.10 The E207 80 CBF: E38.24 Treast: E702.59

Jackpot: not won (pool of £21,930,16 carried forward to York today). Placepot: £469.30. Quadpot: £113.30.

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1.45 (2m 1f India) 1. INDIAN JOCKEY (D. Bridgweiter, 11-8 Invi); 2. Asking (L. Harvey, 20-1); 3. Imilat, (A.P. McCoy, 5-2). ALSO RAN: 4 Hand Of Straw (put. 15-2 Bisated (put), 11 Lancar (4th), 20 Astrolaba (5th), 100 Grey Blade (put, 8 ran. 14, 15, 10), 5. M. Pipe at Weikington, Toler 22 00; 21.40, 23 70, 21.10 DF 18.60 CSF; 226.07 E3 70, E1.10 DF E18 60 CSF: E28.07 CRISIS (2m 11 ndis) 1, CASHFLOW CRISIS (5 Curran, 5-2 fav) 2 My Harvinsid (Miss E J Jones, 20-1); 3, Timely Essemple (Gary Lyons, 12-1) Al80 RAN: 7-2 King Ol Babylon, 5 Reinbow Roed (pu), 11-2 Logie (pu), 7 Beachfeid Flyer (6h), 14 Mennly Mortal (4h), 20 Jingle Highway (pu), 25 Instouctordinate (pu), 33 Don Luigi (pu), Mirnie The Mitra (8h), 50 Raven's Roost (pu), 13 ran. 4, 13, 2 lei, 7i, 144. J Multins at Andower Tate (15 Do: E1 St. 144 O, 155 10 DF: 285.00, Trior E132.20 (part wort: pool of £150.92 carried forward to 3 05 at York today) CSF. £51.42. No bid

lodey) CSF. 251.42. No bid 2.50 (2m 1/ hole) 1, COURAGEOUS NNGHT (8 Fenton, 14-1), 2, I Have Him (D Finnegen, 6-4 lay); 3, Tonys Gift (0 Burrons, 5-2), ALSO RAN, 6 Lexus (8th), 7 Drakastone, 15-2 Fronter Flight (6th), 14 Royal Glint, 16 Mutley (pu), Saxon Magic (4th), 33 Beyond The Stars 10 ran 16, fid, 8i, 111, 1141 P Hayward at Netherswon Toter 125,80; 12,80, 11,40, 11,40 DF: 28-20 Trio: £13 80 CSF; £39 25 Triosst: £74 32

3.80 (3m 1f 110yd ch) 1, OH SO HANDY (D Walsh, 11-10 fav); 2, Desert Mist iR Greene, 6-1); 3, Derring Bud (Miss E Jernes, 20-1) ALSO RAN, 9-4 Barntison; Bill (pd), 9 Just One Canaletto Iut., 10 L'Uomo Piu (4th) 6 ran. 12; 14; 61 RC.ms et Epsom. Tate: £1 80; £1 10, £3 80 DF: £8 40, CSF-£8 14

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Pleasant 542,70.

Cartefort: E88,60

Hereford win welcomed by Hayward

COURAGEOUS KNIGHT gave the trainer, Peter Hayward, his first winner for 20 months in the St Richards School Conditional Jockeys' Novices Handicap Hurdle at Hereford yesterday. A relieved Hayward said: "We needed that to come in from the wilderness as it's 20 months since we had a winner with Spring To Glory in August

The young jockey, Barry Fenton, rode a well-judged race by making good headway to hit the front aboard Courageous Knight two furlangs from home before galloping 16 lengths clear of the long-time leader and favourite, I Have

SALISBURY

THUNDERER 1.40 Shalateeno. 2.10 Heart Full Of Soul. 2.45 Dancing Image. 3.15 Chief Contender. 3.45 Ahjay. 4.20 Daily Risk, 4.50 Sardonic. 5.20 Soviet Bride. The Times Private Handicapper's top rating: 3.15 CHIEF CONTENDER.

GOING: GOOD TO FIRM DRAW: 5F-1M, HIGH BEST SIS

1.40 netherhampton maiden fillies stakes (Div I: £3,460; 1m 1f 209yd) (12 runners) A Eddery (7) —
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William 65
T Sprake —
P P Musphy (5) —
G Duffield —
13-6-7 R Hanfar (3) (0)
R Perham 97
S Drowne (3) 87
A Gorman 97
4-7 — W Woods 1
N Varley (3) 7-2 Love Bases, 9-2 Stately Dancer, 5-1 Tart, 7-1 Peetsle, 10-1 others.

2.10 WARMINSTER MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £3,334: 5f) (11)

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O HEART PAIL OF SOUL 17 P Cole 9-0 ... C Ruster 87

NASSRATI MONK B Hearten 9-0 ... M Tabbutt ...

BALLY JACK S Doe 9-0 A Daily (5) ...

TREY CREEK B Hatchun 9-0 ... W Ryan ...

SELVY JACK S Doe 9-0 A Daily (5) ...

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2.45 DRUIDS HANDICAP (3-Y-0; £3,652, 1m) (18)

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3.15 DURNFORD CONDITIONS STAKES (3-Y-0; £4,799: 1m 4l) (5)

(4) 1-10 PROSPECTOR'S COVE 28 (6.8) J Pearce 9-3 G Bardwell 23 (1) 01 CHEF CONTENDER 11 (22.6) P C-Hyam 9-1 R Hands (5) (5) 40-1 LERS JET 16 (6) P Code 9-1 R Bands (6) (7) 07 VOM JAMEEL 17 (7) M Stoods 9-1 R Bandshame 84 (2) 4-12 SPULO 13 (8F.F) L Current 8-12 W Ryam 88 2-1 Lear Jet, S-2 Yom Jameel, 4-1 Chief Contentior, Solito, 12-1 Prospector's Com-

3.45 TRYON HANDICAP (£4,338: 6(212yd) (14) 131 2-30 SAND STAR 12 (2.6) D Hayde Jones 4-9-10. A Mackay 6
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153 (2) 2113 VICTORY TEAM 24 (BF.G) G Baidung 4-9-6. — A Clark 6
153 (6) 646- TWICE PURPLE 220 B Mechan 4-9-13. — M Tebani 8
154 (10) 2-80 THE CLASH 22 (F.G) B Palling 3-8-7. — T Sprake 9
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158 (10) COSO JAAZDM 14 (D.G) M Madayick 6-9-4. — M Varing (3) 9
159 (11) 5:05 SCOSSOR RIDGE 7 (D.G) J Bodger 4-7-13. — M Baind (5) 9
1-2 Victory Tamm. 8-1 Catch The Lights, 7-1 Albur, Janone, 8-1 orlines.

4.20 REDENHAM CLAIMING STAKES (3-Y-0: £2,784: 6f 212yd) (13)

4.50 NETHERHAMPTON MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (Div II: £3,460: 1m 1f 209yd) (11)

5.20 LEVY BOARD HANDICAP (23,850: 1m 4f) (9) 11-4 Soviet Bride, 7-2 Old Irish, 4-1 Prerogative, 6-1 Dormy Three, 7-1 others.

Win tickets for Euro 96



TODAY, The Times offers you the chance to win tickets to the biggest sporting event in Britain for 30 years - the Euro 96 European soccer championships. We have six pairs of tickets from the

FA to give away — a pair for each of England's matches at Wernbley against Switzerland, Scotland and Holland as well as a pair of tickets for the Wembley quarter-final,

semi-final and final matches. It is your chance to see our boys in action as they take on Europe's best.

For your chance to be part of the biggest footballing event since World Cup fever gripped the nation in 1966 simply collect 10 differently numbered tokens from the 12 which will be printed in *The Times* until Saturday May 25.

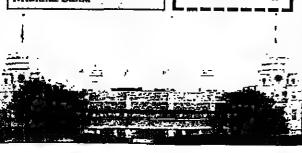
Token two appears below. Then attach the tokens to the official entry form which will appear with a competition question and address next Saturday. The closing date for receipt of entries is first post Wednesday May 29. The winners will be the first six names selected at

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The scores in brackets are the points scored in the last week: the other scores are the cumulative points scored since the start of the season. The figures include all matches completed by May 13. Batsmen (001-135)

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York victory propels Kelleway-trained colt to 5-1 favouritism for Derby

Glory Of Dancer steps lively in Dante

A DANTE Stakes designed to answer most of the Derby questions served only to confuse yesterday as Glory Of Dancer won a race which was more of a sprint than a true test for a potential middledistance champion.

The dawdle which saw Jack Jennings reluctantly tow his six rivals into the straight before they sprinted to the line was reflected in a time 22 seconds slower than that recorded during an inferior race for fillies over the same distance earlier in the afternoon. While it is possible to draw

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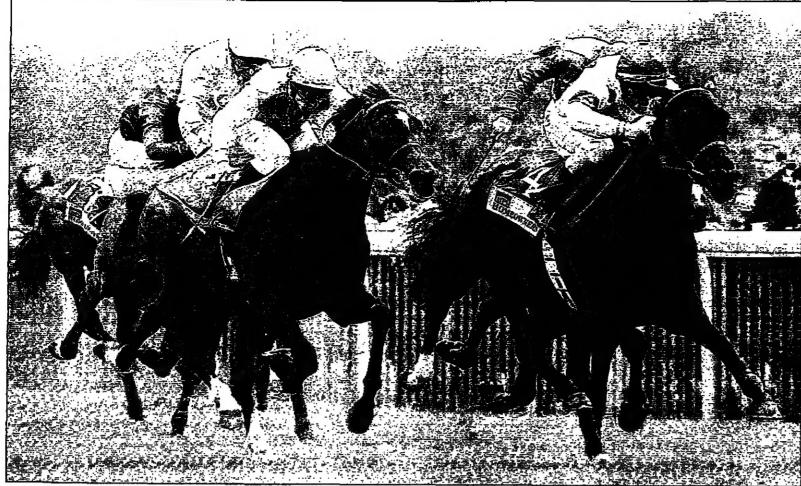
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certain conclusions from the classic trial, most notably that the disappointing Nash House is no longer a serious Epsom candidate, the form of the race is barely worth the paper it is written on - and the placings could easily be reversed in the Derby.

After the blistering last halfmile, Glory Of Dancer, trained by Paul Kelleway and ridden by the French jockey. Olivier Peslier, finished half a length clear of Dushyantor with Jack Jennings a length away third. Nash House was a further length behind in fourth, ahead of Double Leaf

and Storm Trooper. Turning for home, Glory Of Dancer and, rather surprisingly given his proven stamina, Dushyantor were at the rear of the field and it was Nash House who made the first move as he cruised up towards the lead.

However, when John Reid



Glory Of Dancer, ridden by Peslier, holds off the determined challenge of Dushyantor in the Dante Stakes at York yesterday

asked for a maximum effort, Lord Weinstock's colt — who had drifted from a morning price of 11-10 to 5-2 — found little and after the race he was distressed.

Meanwhile, Glory Of Dancer threaded his way through the field to hit the front inside the final furlong and always looked like holding Dushyantor, who challenged down the middle of the track.

No horse beaten in the Dante has gone on to win the a severe challenge next month. I believe Dushyantor, with Pat Eddery almost certain to replace Willie Ryan, will be much better suited by a strong end-to-end gallop and can reverse the Dante placings.

The response of the big bookmakers echoed the sense of uncertainty surrounding the result. The big three promoted Glory Of Dancer to 5-1 favourite for Epsom, but only on sufferance. Mike Dillon of Ladbrokes, said: "It has posed Derby, but that trend will face more questions than it has

answered. The winner has to Arc by Carroll House. be favourite, but a very uneasy

Dancer (from 14-1), 11-2 Even Top, 7-1 Dushyantor and Esteem, 8-1 Alhaarth, 12-1 others.

Glory Of Dancer was trained in Italy last year by Fabio Brogi before his owner, Franco Statero, moved him to Kelleway. A 50 per cent share was sold last Friday to Antonio Balzarini, whose colours were carried to success in the

Kelleway said: The Derby will suit my horse better, he will get carried to the line more. I wanted a faster gallop today but it didn't matter. I have a lot more left to work

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Peslier, 23, is a leading jockey in France and won the Irish Derby last year on Winged Love, but he had no hesitation in saying Glory Of Dancer was the best horse he has ridden.

Henry Cecil said of

Dushvantor: "I am not disappointed. The horse has done everything right. He needed that and will come on a lot. They didn't go fast enough for me so I have to be pleased. He goes to Epsom with every

Unless the Michael Seely Memorial Glasgow Stakes produces an outstanding winner this afternoon, it will be no surprise if Cecil and Eddery help to push Dushyantor towards outright favouritism by

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THUNDERER 1.50 Bowland Country, 2.20 Stash The Cash. 2.55 Grand Scenery, 3.30 Adamatic. 4.00 Johns The Boy. 4.30 Wudimp. 5.00 Dentes Amour. Carl Evans: 4,30 Wudimp.

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1.50 NEWMILK COUNTRY ESTATE MAIDEN HURDLE (£2.961: 2m 4f 110vd) (18 runners)

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12		BLOOMING SPRING 13 Mrs D Thomson 7-10-13 L O'Hara		
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2.20 RHONE-POULENC SEED PROTECTION NOVICES HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,048: 2m 110yd) (13)

2.55 TULLIS SPIRAP HANDICAP CHASE (£4,358: 3m) (11)

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8 DB44 FUNDIY OLD GAME 27 (D,S) D McCane 9-10-2 A Thorreon
9 4100 DALUSMAN 12 (B.F) J Biner 8-10-0
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11 PZUF THE GALLOPWINANOR 6 (BF) Mrs M Reveloy 6-10-0 N Smith
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8-1 The Galloon Treator, 10-1 others.
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3.30 MACDONALDS SOLICITORS QUICK RANSOM NOVICES HURDLE (£2,905: 2m 110yd) (5) 1 1323 ADAMATIC 15 (F) B Allen 5-11-0 B Storey 2 0-P0 GRANDERISE 24 D Swinderund 6-11-0 Mr D Swinderund 3 0F TOTAO 15 C Paint 6-11-0 D Parter (3) 4 0PF MRS THIO 832 J Docts 6-10-9 R Guist 5 P WHITEMOSS LEADER 22 J British 6-10-9 A Thorston

4.00 TULLIS PLASTICS HANDICAP HURDLE (£3,599: 2m 4f 110yd) (11)

4-9 Adamatic, 13-2 Granderisa, B-1 Tioiso, 14-7 Miss Tino, 25-1 Whitemoss Leader.

4.30 LINLITHGOW & STIRLINGSHIRE HUNT NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE (£2,136; 2m 4f 110yd) (9)

3-1 Glenagus, 5-1 Johns The Boy. Tough Test, 6-1 Sedwictz, 7-1 Dancing Dove, 8-1 Blue Cherm, 12-1 others.

9-4 Wadimp, 3-1 Little Wenlock, Abercromby Cornel, 6-1 Master Kil, 8-1 olbers.

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2.35 Winter Romance

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Our Newmarket Correspondent: 2.00 DR MASSINI (nap). 2.35 Winter Romance. 3.05 Tarneem.

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en: Russian Rascal 7-8, BETTING: 4-1 Proceptly, 9-2 Waster Recurrence, 6-1 Minsfer, 7-1 Spirito Libro, 8-1 Indian Relative, 10-1 others 1985: CLASSICY 9-1 W R Swinburn (5-2 law) M Staute 13 ran

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3.05 WILLIAM HILL HANDICAP

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403 (4) 133010 STRATESIC CHOICE 228 (D.F.B) (Machib) P Cole 5-8-0 T Course
404 (1) 67211-2 SREY SHOT 15 (D.F.S) (J Smith) I Balding 4-8-9 Report 3 (Darley 96
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4.10 DUKE OF YORK STAKES (Group III: £24,640: 6f) (12 runners)

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DOFFIDENT beat Heart Lake short-head in conditions cace at Abu Dhabi (71, good to firm) EASY DOLLAR 2I 2nd of 8 to Young Em to bated race at Leicester (71, good) with BRANSTON ABBY (26 beater off) 31 3rd VENTINE CAPITALIST Read 2nd of 11 to Madry Sharp to handlesp at Newtonried (61, good to firm) with WEST HEST (48) worse off) 731 BR LUCKY LIONEL 3rd 2nd of 11 to Cool Jazz in group in Dahet Racing Cub Palace House (81, good to firm) with WEST (81, good to firm) with WEST (81, good to firm) with WEST (81, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head WEST (81, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head WEST (81, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head WEST (81, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head WEST (81, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head WEST (81, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head west firm at 13 firm 13 sunner (82, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head west firm at 13 firm 13 sunner (82, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head west firm at 13 firm 13 sunner (82, good to firm) with EASY DOLLAR 2I and head to firm the firm of the firm of

4.40 EUROPEAN BREEDERS FUND RACING CHANNEL MAIDEN STAKES (2-Y-0: £5,744; 6f) (5 runners)

BETTING: 7-4 Hawait, 5-2 Relateration, 4-1 Lucayan Beach, 9-2 Belgrava, 5-1 Andreyev.

1935: NO CORRESPONDING RACE

5.10 LEVY BOARD SEVENTH RATED HANDICAP (£8,068: 1m 2t 85yd) (7 runners)

(4) 31225 SAMOOSEA 206 (6) (Martinum Af Maintnum) M Stroute 4-9-7 ______ J Raid
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(2) 1615-05 MEDABLE ABUTAIRE 19 (CD,F) (J Hartneit) J Dunkop 4-9-5 ____ Pat Editory
(3) 1150-35 MOMENTS OF FORTUNE 10 (D,F,6) (A Ail) 8 Harbory 4-9-1 ____ J Stack (3)
(6) 32200-1 BALL GOWN 12 (D,F,6.5) (C Lensel D Thom 6-8-10 _____ D R McCabe (3)
(6) 1620-22 TEN PAST SX 9 (F) (J Remerley, Miss J Hart) M Warre 4-8-7 ____ J Carroll 98 Long handicas: Ten Past Six 8-6

BETTING: 9-4 Ball Govo, 7-2 Sanoosea, 5-1 Medaille Müllaise, Ten Pari So. 6-1 Quango, 8-1 others. 1995: SHERMAN 4-8-10 R HRBs (9-1) H Thomson Jones 10 rac

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TRAINERS: S bin Surpor, 5 winners from 7 numers, 71.4%; G Lewis, 5 from 12, 41.7%; R Chartton, 12 from 40, 30.0%, M Fetherston-Godiey, 5 from 19, 26.3%; P Chapple-Hyam, 11 from 50, 22.0%; P Cole, 15 from 75, 20.0%; M Stoute, 21 from 117, 17 9%.

JOCKEYS: DMcCabe, 3 winners from 14 ndes, 21.4%; Pat. Eddery, 39 from 191, 20.4%; J Tate, 3 from 17, 17.6%, M J Knane, 10 from 60, 16 7%; W Carson, 30 from 197, 15.2%; J Reid, 18 from 143,



WORD-WATCHING Answers from page 43 BLATANT BEAST

(b) In Spenser's Faerie Queene (books V. VI) "a dreadful fieud of gods and men, ydrad": the type of calumny or slander. He was born of Cerberus and Chimaera, and had 100 tongues and a sting. With his tongues he speaks things "most shameful, most unrighteous, most untrue"; and with his sting "steeps them in poison". Sir Calidore muzzled him and drew him with a chain to Fairvland, but the beast escaped. The word blatant seems to have been coined by Spenser and probably comes from the provincial dialect word blate to bellow.

(c) The greatest poet of ancient Rome, Publius Virgilius Maro

(70-19 BC), born near Mantua (hence called the Mantuan Swan, though swans do not in fact sing). His main works are the Aeneid, the Eclogues or Bucolics, and the Georgics. MANSARD

(a) A mansard roof is a curved roof. The eponym of the French architect François Mansard (1598-1666), although this roof was used by Pierre Lescot at the Louvre c. 1550. Instead of forming an inverted V, the rafters are broken and the lower slope is almost perpendicular, the upper more nearly flat. It was in use in America in the old colonial days and there the term denotes a double-pitched roof, sloping up from the four sides of a building. Where it ends in two gables it is called a gambrel roof.

(c) A name applied to a person, particularly an official whose main characteristic is one of indifference, especially to things outside his province. "And Gallio cared for none of these things." (Acts. xviii, 17.)

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CHANNEL 4 2.35: Promptly is hard to assess. Michael Stoute's representative should be unbeaten in two starts, both at six furlongs, and steps up to a mile here. She will go close but faces strong opposition from those lower down the weights. Charlie Chang did well to rally for fourth at Newmarket after losing his action. He has nothing to fear from Truancy and Sky Dome on that showing. However, Mawingo is preferred. After three outings for his handicap mark. he

came good at Warwick and looks on the upgrade. 3.05: Double Bluff is on an attractive mark for his handicap debut. He has contested three above-average maidens. notably when caught close home by Mick's Love over a mile at Haydock last term. The drop back to seven furlongs should suit him. After a lengthy absence, Royal Mark ran promisingly at Newmar-

3.40: Classic Cliche, the St

ket and should now be at



TODAY'S RACES ON TELEVISION

of foot for a stayer and will not lack for fitness. However, he is a better horse with some give underfoot. The same was thought true of Strategic Choice but he ran his best race on a fast surface when third in last season's King George. This galloping track should better suit Strategic Choice. who won first time last term. Grey Shot mastered Court Of Honour at Longchamp in September and should confirm that form.

4.10: Although heavily penalised. Diffident has the class to pass this test. He showed tremendous speed to catch Harayir in the Free Handicap last year and should have been freshened by wintering in Dubai. With Branston Abby yet to strike form, the three-year-olds pose a more potent threat. Passion For Life, Westcourt Magic, Lucky Lionel and Thrilling Day all have claims. Preference is for Westcourt Magic, who finished strongly over the

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6.30 EUROCHARING NOVICES HUNTERS CHASE

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8.00 GRANT'S CHERRY BRANDY SKY (Final: amateurs: £1,800: 2m 5f) (10)

5-2 Pontabuta, 7-2 Golden Eye. 4-1 Velka, 5-1 Kelburne Lad, 8-1 Sper Copsa, Pallingham Star, 10-1 Local Manor, 12-1 others

8.30 KENT & SURREY BLOODHOUNDS SKY UNITED HUNTERS CHASE (Amateurs: £2,128: 2m 5f) (10)

6-4 Chalipout, 9-4 Amen King, 5-1 Spottire Jubilee, 6-1 Resail Runner, 8-1 Prince 355, 13-1 Countertool, 25-1 others

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minimum trip last time.

Culture vultures feed on great English myth

the Cup Final last Saturday, we went round the corner from Kev's flat in Camberwell, southeast London, and picked up a few portions of roast goat from the local West African takeaway. It was so liberally laced with chilli powder that it could have been choicest chicken or vilest dog, but it did the trick. After the mind-numbing boredom of Manchester United v Liverpool, it gave us something to talk about.

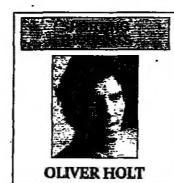
We wandered on in the shade of the concrete mass of the Walworth estate until we came to the gravel football pitch in the small park. Fifteen or 20 boys, not yet teenagers, were having a half-hearted game. There were six of us. twice their size and fortified by goat and alcohol, but they agreed to take us on with a minimum of persuasion.

As we lined up, they allotted each other their noms de guerre. Cantona was the most prized, of course, then Giggs. The goalie, a child of Nigerian descent and not more than 2ft 6in tall, made the perfect Schmeichel. There was even a Yeboah in there somewhere. Only towards the end did someone bag Sheringham.

Apart from him, England players did not get a look in. Not a Gascoigne, not a Shearer, most definitely not a Stone or a Platt. The young worship only success. They home in on it like a lion going for the throat. Above all, they hate underdogs.

Perhaps most important, they are too young to be tempted by the siren songs of trends such as "New Laddism". Popular culture has mobilised behind football in general. and the England team in particular. in the past couple of years and tricked some adults to elope with the promptings of our emotions, to think that England might actually have a prayer against Holland, Italy and the rest when the European championship finals begin here next month.

On Friday night, a friend phoned. He sounded choked. He had just seen the video accompanying the official England Euro 96 song at the end of Fantasy Football and was wiping the tears from his eyes. It was those shots of Lineker scoring against Germany in the 1990 World Cup semi-final that had done it, that and footage of



Nobby Stiles's victory jig, Bobby Moore's famous tackle, Gordon Banks's save from Pelé, all set to a mesmeric chorus suggesting that football and the European trophy were "coming home" this summer.

That is only part of it, too. Liam and Noel Gallagher, the brothers at the heart of Oasis, Great Britain's most successful modern band, are fanatical Manchester City supporters. If anybody knows anything about them, it is that. The combination of their devotion to football and the fact that they sound like The Beatles has heightened the connection in people's minds between the England team of today, and the golden era of the "Boys of "66".

Two weeks on Monday, this burgeoning association of football and popular culture will reach its apogee with the release of an England Euro 96 album, The Beautiful Game. packed with songs from bands such as Blur, Black Grape, Massive Attack and Teenage Fan Club, groups that command the loyalty of our youth.

Somehow, we have all been kidded into thinking that, because football is fashionable, then it must reflect a revival in the fortunes of the England team. In fact, the opposite is true. It is no coincidence that the re-

emergence of football fandom as an acceptable passion came at about the time that England failed to qualify for the 1994 World Cup and when our club teams have made an uneven impression at best on their return to European competition. Youth culture shies away from triumphalism. It is

So Noel Gallagher idolises Joe Corrigan and recently-relegated Manchester City, Damon Albarn, the lead singer from Blur, supports Chelsea, those perennial underachievers, and Nick Hornby agonises over Arsenal's shortcomings.

There was no football culture in 1966. There was just football. There was no search for a catharsis because there was no need to exorcise what Three Lions (Coming Home), that Euro 96 song, refers to as "30 years of

England was swinging then, in the midst of the Sixties, and our footballing heroes were an integral part of it. If The Beatles were bigger than Jesus Christ; Bobby Charlton, in 1966, was bigger than The Beatles. Today's efforts to bring the team in from the periphery emphasise just how far England have fallen.

Thirty years ago, The Beatles kept football off their joke-list and sang about a Paperback Writer. Burton and Elizabeth Taylor concentrated on Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf and young boys playing on parks across the country dreamt of being Bobby Charlton, not an exotic foreigner. Their elders? They are fish and chips, nofroast goat.

☐ John Bryant is away

Advocate of change favourite to take

By Alan Lee, cricket correspondent

over cricket's top job

THE most important appointment for the future administration of English cricket is about to be made and the job could go to a man who has already challenged the hierar-chy at Lord's. Tony Cross, who last year chaired a controver-sial breakaway committee of the Test match grounds, has emerged as favourite to succeed Alan Smith as chief executive of the Test and County Cricket Board (TCCB).

Cross would go to Lord's from Edgbeston, just as Smith did nine years ago. As vice-chairman of Warwickshire, Cross was the leading voice in the unsanctioned Test grounds working party which proposed radical changes in the game and a voting structure, for the yet to be formed English Cricket Board (ECB), favouring the bigger counties. Publication of their plans caused division in the game and Smith, for one, was

Although peace has broken out, progress towards the ECB is still slow and the installaretires in October, would alarm some in the shires. One plank of his committee's plan. for instance, was the immediate introduction of a twodivision championship.

Cross's background is in marketing. He has been on the TCCB's marketing committee for a decade and played a part in the triumphant negotiation of television contracts in 1994. The other contenders have their backgrounds more solidly in cricket auaus, value paradoxically may count against them for what is met on the same ground in the semi-final of the NatWest ly in cricket affairs, which

the head of an ever-expanding

Tim Lamb, the cricket secretary of the TCCB who is Smith's right-hand man, is still under consideration and a more surprising interviewee was Mark Nicholas, recently retired as captain of Hampshire and now bringing his innovative mind to bear as a television commentator. Steve Coverdale, chief executive of Northamptonshire, was a fourth possibility.

The appointment is being handled by a selection committee including Dennis Silk, the TCCB chairman, M. J. K.

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Smith, Cross's chairman at Warwickshire, and Doug Insole. A recruitment consultant has sat in on the interviews. It offered is below £100,000 and that an announcement is expected shortly.

While men of Warwickshire continue to dominate at administrative level, they are also enviably powerful on the field. But a first defeat of the season, at Old Trafford on Tuesday, has committed Dermot Recve's side to travel for their Benson and Hedges Cup quarter-final, in which the draw yesterday paired them with Glamorgan at Carbowled out for 86 and beaten by eight wickets, but it is likely to be much closer this time.

Lancashire, who are the 9-4 favourites to retain the trophy. are at home to Gloucestershire, who are outsiders, and the runners-up last year, Kent, have a tough task at Northampion. The most attractive tie could be at the Oval, where Surrey, capable of chasing the most improbable target, host Yorkshire.

The pick of Britannic Assurance Championship action today may be at Ilford, where Essex play Kent. Essex have won their first two games, including an extraordinary victory over Hampshire after conceding 539 in the first innings, and there is a growing belief in their dressingroom that they can mount a serious challenge this year.

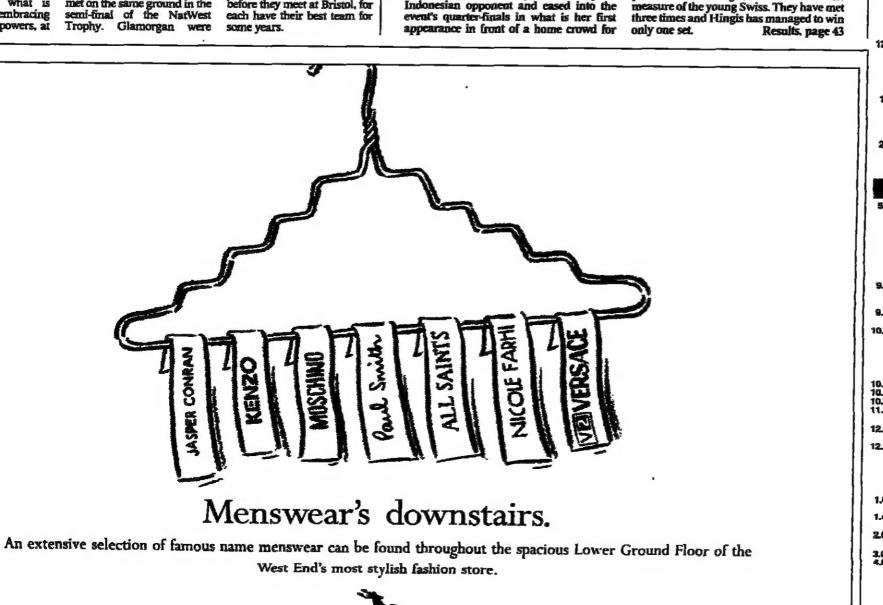
Warwickshire began their defence with an innings victory over Sussex and they may not have a great deal more difficulty against Hampshire at Edgbaston. Already, it is plain that two divisions exist table and that Hampshire, who will be captained for the first time by Robin Smith, are at the mediocre end.

So too. Durham, who flattered only to deceive at Lord's last week. Their pitiful batting collapse on the final day was indicative of a team still out of its depth and the emergent Yorkshire team should be too good for them at Chester-le-Street. At the other extreme of the country, there is justified optimism in both the Gloucestershire and Somerset sides before they meet at Bristol, for



Steffi Graf plays a tentbook backhand during her third-round defeat of Yayuk Basuki in the German Open in Berlin, a comfortable 6-2, 6-1 win that showed that she has shaken off the shock of her failure in the Italian Open last week (Alix Ramsay writes). Graf, the joint-world No I, was detained on court for only 51 minutes by her Indonesian opponent and eased into the event's quarter-finals in what is her first

almost two years. However, Martina Hingis, Graf's conquerer in Italy, had a day that she would rather forget, falling in the second round to Karina Habsudova, of Slovakia, 6-3, 7-5 and picking up a caution for racket abuse for her troubles. Habsudova is ranked No 54 in the world, 37 places below Hingis, but she has the measure of the young Swiss. They have met three times and Hingis has managed to win only one set.



HADIO CHOICE

Not music to Stalin's ears

BBC Symphony Orchestra. Radio 3. 7_30pm.

I do not know whether Paul Guinery and Gerard McBurney, who will introduce this concert, will dwell on its political context; it would be difficult not to. All the works are by Prokofiev and Shostakovich. and two in particular are politics-orientated. Shostakovich's Symphony No 2 celebrates the tenth anniversary of the 1917 Russian Revolution; Prokofiev's Cantata celebrates the twentieth. idealistically, both works entolled Soviet communism, but, in 1948, the two composers fell foul of Stalin's repressive measures against contemporary music. They were accused of "anti-democratic tendencies alien to the Soviet people". David Pownall's 1983 play, Master Class, dealt compellingly with those dark, dangerous days.

The Dream of Gerontius. Classic FM, 8.00pm.

Can I offer some excellent advice? Before tuning in to Elgar's choral masterpiece, try to get Michael Kennedy's definitive biography, Portrait of Elgar. A whole chapter, jam-packed with fascinating facts, is devoted to Gerontius, from its conception to the disaster of its premiere in Birmingham and subsequent triumph in Düsseldorf. Birmingham could have killed off Gerontius — but did not. Düsseldorf could have assured it of a glorious future — and did. Tonight's performance is by the London Symphony Orchestra and chorus under Richard Hickox. The soloists are Arthur Davies, Gwynne Howell and Felicity Palmer. Peter Davalle

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9,00 Morning Collection with Paul Gambaccini. Ravel (Introduction and Allegro); Dvorlik (Lagend in C. Op 58 No 4); Llast (Transcandental Studies: No 5, Feur foliets; No 8, Wilde Jagd); Mendelssohn (Symphony No

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10.45 Night Weves, Patrick Wright 10.45 Night waves, Parick Wight explores Britain's theme parks 11.30 Composer of the Week's Melsen. Jens the Road Mender, Op 21 No 1c; Sagadrom; Violin Concerto (r) 12.30am Jazz Notes, with Digby Entrepartment.

Fairweather 1.00 Through the Night, with Donald Macleod. Includes 1.00 Haydn (Mass in C. Paukenmesse) 2.35 Tragicomedia performs instrumental and vocal music by Purcell 4.00 Organ Music

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(FM only) Graham Greene's
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8.00 The Purple, the Blue and the Red. A recent history of the Church of England and its relationship with the State, written and presented by Anthony Howard (2/3)
8.45 Better Left Unsaid? John Irwin writes to a friend who was killed in the war
9.00 Does He Take Sugar? The programme tor people with a

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Bosnia made clearer, from ground level

n American soldier in combat fatigues, a rifle slung at his hip and those mysterious pouches bouncing at his waistline, trudges through a snowscape towards a house that has the classic characteristic of buildings in war zones: you cannot tell if it is half-built or half-demolished.

As he walks the soldier speaks and as he speaks he eclipses David Owen, Cyrus Vance and all the other well-intentioned westerners who have strode across this land armed with maps, hopes and erudite explanations as to how Bosnia has come to this pass.

"Let's kill those babies, let's go ahead and starve people, all for power politics," is how the soldier sees the combatants. "It's nothing to do with religion, they can say that all they want. If you believe that, I gotta bridge to sell you and some ocean-front property in Arizona. This is people scrabbling for pieces of pie."

It may not be Newsnight, it may not be the Institute for International Relations but by heaven, it gets to the otherwise impenetrable. beating heart of the tragedy that former Yugoslavia has become. And it made Modern Times: The Zone (BBC2) worth the watching.

For ten minutes or so the programme seemed to be going nowhere, much like the country it was about. The camera wandered the desolation of the Zone of Exclusion in northern Bosnia, set up to offer breathing space while Serbs move out and Bosnian Muslims move in, as if the film crew had forgotten why it was

Yet slowly this technique be-came hypnotic. The very aimlessness began perfectly to reflect the story. Most of it was about American and Russian soldiers working together (for the first time since 1945) to police the zone.

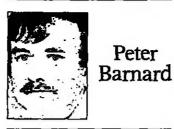
to be seen. An old man in the house he had built announced "I ain't moving", an old couple out in their yard worked, one each end of a bow saw, to cut logs. A young woman looked out from a building and contemplated jumping off. Chickens clucked, dogs and cats ambled in the ruins.

ven the American headquarters, which in most war zones is air-conditioned and awash with television sets, had the appearance of a village hall placed under a demolition order. The HQ did stage one of the more bizarre sights, namely a concert of folk tunes given by the

Russians. Most of their hosts, displaying a polite but devastating indifference, continued to play cards or gaze at weather maps. But the Russians had learnt something about Americans: "The Yanks don't behave There were hardly any civilians anything like they do in the

REVIEW

Peter



movies, they're like us, ordinary

Perhaps the abiding impression was that the ordinary blokes do a better line in cynicism, or realism, than their masters. A colonel talked about being "proud to have made a difference". One of his men, cleaning a weapon, said: "I think we're just whistling Dixie. y'know what I'm saying?

There is as yet little sign that the

join the Internet, but their day will come and they will start to spend hours downloading, uploading and generally trying to contact the living. At least a PC never killed

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Get Netted (Channel 4) is a series of three-minute programmes transmitted after Channel 4 News all this week. So far we have a had a couple who met on the Net, a man who runs Surfers Against Sewage via the Net and, last night, a lady called Medusa. Don't bother, I looked it up for

you. Medusa comes from the Greek Medousa, a Gorgon with snakes for hair (and they claim Punk is modern). Medusa is a fetishist and she is "on-line editor for Skin Two", a fetish magazine. The publicity claims that Medusa's Net site attracts 30,000 "visits" daily, making it as popular (on the Net) as gardening or football.

Not quite. Medusa's site gets

30,000 "hits" a day, which means people logging on to see what the site is all about, but it has only 300 to 400 actual subscribers. There is fashion, fiction, gossip and a photo gallery". You may wonder which of these categories is the most popular but I doubt you would have to wonder for very

there is a way to link Get Netted with Postcards from the Country (BBC2) it eludes me. This, the second in the series, was about the Shetlands and contained nobody who admits to wearing rubber around the croft. but you can never tell with these remote communities.

My problem with Richard Mabey's series is the same as the one I identified last week: I think it spends too much time in the past. There was a most interesting, and indeed heartening, section on the coming of oil but I wanted more of that and less herring, whales and

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The reason being that for all the dire prophecies, Shetlanders (never call them Scots) have assimilated the Sullum Voe terminal astonishingly well. It has brought iobs and therefore stemmed an exodus of the young and, so far, the environmental consequences have been far from dire (offers live in the stonework of the terminal).

This is proof of the difference between living in a rural community and the outsider's romantic notion of such a place. As Rhoda Bulter, a Shetland poet, said: The work is not romantic but where the work is is romantic."

I am enjoying Postcards and the history has been well told. But Shetland's present is worth a whole programme. It will presumably only get one when it has become Shetland's past.

● Matthew Bond is on holiday

6.00em Business Breakfast (14448)

7.00 BBC Breakfast News (Ceefax) (45719) 9.00 Breakfast News Entra (Ceefax and signing) (4468887)

9.20 Style Counsel (s) (7571448) 9.45 Kilroy (s) (6898790) 10.30 Good Morning (s) (15055) 12.00 News (Coefax); regional news and weather (1881158)

12.05pm Call My Sluff (s) (5016790) 12.35 Going for Gold. General knowledge quiz presented by the gental Henry Kelly (s) (4433210)

1.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (48806) 1,30 Regional News and weather (62620784) 1.40 Neighbours (Ceeiax) (s) (69158697) 2.00 The Flying Doctors (r) (s) (92887) N.L. 2.00 The Balmoral Show 2.45 Snowy River — The McGregor Saga

3,30 Playdays (r) (s) (2540429) 3,50 Philbert the Frog (r) (s) (8962245) 3.55 Peter Pan and the Pirates (r) (Ceefax) (s) (2552264) 4.15 The Wizard of Oz (5714561) 4.35 Mud (r) (Ceetax) (s) (2839974) 5.00 Newsround (Ceefax) (7298806) 5.10 The Ant and Dec Show

eetex) (s) (6067413) 5.35 Neighbours (r) (Ceefax) (s) (458784) 6.00 News (Ceefax) and weather (871) 6.30 Regional news magazines (351) 7.00 Top of the Pops (Ceelax) (s) (3697) 7,30 EastEnders. (Ceetax) (s) (535)

CLASSIC FIL

8.00 Wildlife on One: Possums — Tales of the Unexpected. A look at the littleknown possum which lives a nocturnal existence and can adapt to live anywhere in Australia from the rainforests to downtown Brisbane (Ceetax) (s) (5245)

8.30 Airport. Behind the scenes at Heathrow (Ceetax) (1852) 9,00 News (Ceefax); regional news and

weather (8790) 9.30 Absolutely Fabulous. Patsy and Edina

fall out over the reappearance of two of Edina's intimidating friends from the 1980s (r) (Ceetax) (s) (48351) 10.00 Making Bables. Series about Britain's busiest in-vitro tertilisation clinic in London's Hammersmith hospital Rebecca and Angus have to make a decision about going ahead with IVF and agg donation. (Ceetax) (s) (917887) N.L. 10.00 Spotlight 10.30 Making Babies 11.20 Question Time 12.20 FiLM. Once

Around 2.15 Weather 10.50 Question Time. Political debate from London. The guests are Sheila Masters, Rana Kabbani and MPs Peter Shore and David Howell. (Ceelax) (2031719)

11.55 FILM: Once Around (1991) starring Richard Dreytuss, Holly Hunter and Gena Rowlands. A bittersweet romantic comedy about a young woman who leaves her close-knit Italian family after seing dumped by her boyfriend. She sets off for the Cambbean, where she embarks on a turbulent passionate affair with an obnoxous salesman, which somewhat inevitably results in an emotional tug-ofwar between her lover and her extended family. Officeted by Lasse Hallstrom (Ceelax) (846516)

1.45am Weather (3074307)

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7.15 See Hear Breakfast News (4553516) 7.30 Smurts' Adventures (53784) 8 no Blue Peter (r) (Ceefax) (s) (7204622) 8.25 Brum (r) (5272535)

8.40 The Record (8600697)

9.05 The Biology Collection (s) (7485697) 9.30 Techno (s) (5620790) 9.45 Writing and Pictures (Ceelax) (s) (5625245) 10.00 Playdays (i) (s) (2129351) 10.25 Storytime (s) (2256448) 10.40 Jeunes Francophones (s) (8780061) 11.05 Space Ark (s) (6301500)

11.15 Landmarks Extra (s) (3713177) 11.35 Landmarks — Tudors and Stuarts (Ceelax) (s) (8501332) 12.00 Shake-speare — the Animated Tales (Ceelax)

12.30pm Working Lunch (31429) 1.00 Lifeschool (s) (31105784) 1.25 Revista (s) (65914993) 1.45 Numbertime (s) 62703061) 2.00 Brum (r) (44623581)

2.10 international Golf: The Benson & Hedges International Open from the Oxfordshire Golf Club (s) (7992968) 3.00 News (Ceetax) and weather (7745784) 3.05 Westminster with Nick Ross (Ceetax) (8) (9490993) 3.55 News

(6969158) 4.00 International Golf (6974) 6.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Ceeiax)

Ceefax), regional news and weather

6.45 The O Zone. With Glona Estelar, and an Maguire (s) (599806)

7.00 Best of Eather (f) (s) (1239) 7.30 Out and About. A new local leisure activities magazine (177) N.I.: Ar Theacn! an tSamhraidh WALES: Homeland



Maxine consults a psychic (8.00pm)

8.00 Secrets of the Paranormal: In Search of Jane (Ceelax) (s) (3887)

8.30 Top Gear. In the last of the series. Jeremy Clarkson attends the car industry's secret motorshow at a Bedfordshire test track where hundreds of cars will be tested by motoring journalists and MPs (Ceelax) (s) (5622)

9.00 The Travel Show, Jonathan Futrell visits the Big Island in Hawaii, journalist Simon Calder offers a guide to the Italian city of Trieste and travel writer Sochie Campbell reports on self-catering accommodation in Cornwall (s) (6332)

9.30 France The Poisoned Challcer Fool's Mate (2'4) (Ceelau

(s) (245531) 10.20 Close Up. Mike Leigh talks about a scene from François Truffaut's classic Jules el Jim (r) (s) (101871)

10.30 Newsnight (Ceetax) (522413) 11.15 Late Review (210806) 12.00 The Midnight Hour (s) (21659) 12,30am-6.00 The Learning Zone (22386) CHOICE

Secrets of the Paranormal: Searching For BBC2, 8.00pm

The joke is that if you ask five economists to solve a problem you get six different replies. Judging by this film, much the same can be said of psychics. But this is no scoffing matter, least of all for Maxine Harrison. In June last year her sister, Jane, a mother of two, vanished from a shopping centre in north London. When Maxine suffered a second tragedy, the death of her young son, she was comforted by a medium. The experience persuaded her to seek psychic help to discover what happened to Jane. After being told contradictory stories, none of which gets her closer to the truth, she almost wishes she had not bothered. But her honesty is commendable, as is her willingness to show us what must have been fraught encounters with the spiritualists,

BBC1, 8.30pm (Scotland: May 24)

If air is the most boring form of travel, running an airport is hardly more glamorous. Viv Eggins works for British Midland as a flight despatcher. This means that she ensures that the aircraft are emptied and cleaned when they land and properly loaded for take-off. Eggins says it is better than being on the cabin crew giving out drinks. But that is before two passengers go missing at the last minute and threaten to delay a flight which is already an hour late. Meanwhile, aspiring cabin stewards are being trained to deal with such emergencies as a fire or a crash landing in the middle of the ocean, not the most encouraging introduction to the job. The brightest moments in the film feature the celebrityspotting newspaper photographer, Dennis Stone, Ear cocked for the tip-off that will get him on the front page, he doggedly stalks Heathrow for a famous face.

Witness Rwanda — The Betrayal

Channel 4. 900pm As one of the few Western journalists in Rwanda in 1994, Lindsey Hilsum saw the tragedy at first hand. She insists that far from being a tribal war, it was genocide on a scale not seen since the Nazis. Two years later she is back in the country, pondering on the role of the Catholic Church. She asks why the moral authority of the church failed to prevent the atrocities and, indeed, why nuns and priests were among the perpetrators. Since "thou shall not kill" is one of the fundamental precepts of the Christian faith, and nearly one million people perished in this mainly Catholic country, it seems a fair question. Getting an answer is another matter. The priests interviewed by Hilsum shuffle and hedge and look embarrassed. None is prepared to accept personal guilt.

The Poisoned Chalice: Fool's Mate BBC2. 9.30pm

The story of Britain's troubled relations with Europe moves on to 1970. De Gaulle, who vetoed Britain's bid to join the European Economic Community is dead, and Edward Heath, our most committed European, becomes Prime Minister. But it still nearly ends in tears. A revelation of the film is how pro-European Labour MPs tacitly defied their leadership to keep Heath's Government afloat. Then, as now, Europe was causing havor with party discipline. When Labour returned to power, just as divided as the Tories, Harold Wilson's masterstroke was a referendum. Hopelessly outgunned in money and organisation, the Euro-sceptics hardly stood a chance. Rich in testimony from participants this is a compelling account, not least because of the Peter Waymark 6.00am GMTV (6864390)

9.25 Supermarket Sweep (s) (7483239) 9.55 Regional News (Teletext) (2033500) 10.00 The Time . . . the Place (s) (5458177) 10.35 This Morning (50700871)

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12.20pm Regional News (Teletext) (1707142) 12.30 News and weather (Teletext) (4532535) 12.55 Shortland Street (s) (4444326) 1.25 Coronation Street (r) (Telelext) (1833177) 2.00 Home and Away Teletext) (s) (19791603)

2.25 FILM: Rich Men, Single Women (1990) Conclusion of yesterday's romantic comedy starring Suzanne Somers, Heather Locklear and Deborah Adair. Directed by Elliott Silverstein (7071429)

3.20 News headlines (Teletext) (7825974) 3.25 Regional News (Teletext) (7824245) 3.30 The Riddlers (r) (2231595) 3.40

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6.00 Home and Away (r) (Teletext) (s) 6.25 HTV News (Teletext) (785332)

7.00 Emmerdale. A confrontation between Kim and Tina tums nasty (Teletext) (s) 7.30 3-D. Julia Somerville covers the dangers of jet-skiing and the dilemmas facing

doctors when they test children. If the tests reveal untreatable disorders, should they tell parents? (s) (603) 6.00 The Biti. Croft and Greig investigate a burglary and stir up an old leud between two sisters (Telete.d) (7413)



Portrait of pets as art (6.30pm)

8.30 Hollywood Pets. Animals and art: an elephant that paints with her trunk, a Los Angeles gallery containing works by cats and Jeanne Heliman's own versions of classic paintings, feeturing dogs Instead of humans (Teletext) (s) (9448) 9.00 Ellington: No Holds Barred, Implaus-

ible and uninvolving drama series about a sports promoter (Teletext) (s) (8429) 10.00 News and weather (Teletext) (28413) 10.30 Regional News (810245)

doctor Edward Jenner, who discovered the vaccine for smallpox 200 years ago (s) (544784) 11.10 The West This Week. A look at the Second Severn Crossing (277516) 11.40 Hunter (678806) 12.40am Carnel Knowledge (9560559) 1.40 Not Fade Away (s) (1950475) 2.40 Shift (1046982)

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3.35 Late & Loud (r) (s) (1927611) 4.30 The Time . . . the Place (r) (s) (49630) 5.00 Garden Calendar (24833) 5.30 Morning News (19814)

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11,40 Bodies of Evidence (678806) 3.35am Customs Classified (3616475) 4.20 Jobfinder (8503217)

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6.00 NBA 24/7. Mark Webster and Ceriton Dixon meet up with Motown Record's newest up-and-coming star Horace Brown, who talks about his rise to fame in America (581) 6.30 Roseanne. It's a typical Thanksgiving

meal — tempers flering, feasting and football on television. But Dan and Roseanne are anxiously awaiting her prenatal test to learn if anything is wrong with the baby (r) (Teleterd) (s) (531) 7.00 Channel 4 News (187051)

7.50 Get Netted (r) (Teletext) (s) (145429) 8.00 Wild Britain. Wasps have been around for at least 100 million years and different species have evolved remarkably diverse skills and behaviour from wasps that excavate nesting holes in the ground to others that make clay pots to protect a single egg (4/6) (5055)

8.30 Home to Roost. The last thing divorced Henry Willows needs in his life is his son back from university, intent on rebuilding his relationship with his father. With John Thay and Peece Enscale First shown



Catholic Church in Rwanda (9.00pm

9.00 CHOICE Witness: Rwanda — the Be-trayal (Teletext) (6871) 10.00 NYPD Blue. Simone tres to persuade an informant, who makes a living from some information (Teletext) (s) (659351)

10.55 Whose Line is it Anyway? (r) (Teletext (s) (326326) 11.30 Rory Bremner - Who Else? (s) 12.10am is This Your Life? Germaine Green in

conversation with Andrew Neil (r) (Telelext) (s) (4280307) 1.00 Dispatches (r) (Teletext) (7884920)

1.45 FILM: Saturday Night at the Palace (1987) Powerful South African drama, based on Paul Slabolepsky's stage play in which he plays an out-of-work white racist who torments and harasses John Kani, the black manager of Rocco's Burger Palace in Johannesburg With Bill Flynn (727017). Ends at 3.20

• For more comprehensive listings of satellite and cable channels, see the Vision supplement, published Saturday SKY ONE

7.00em Unitum (81535) 9.00 Press Your Luck (2272345) 9.20 Love Connection (9666822) 9.45 The Oprah Wintrey Show (4452622) 10.40 Jeoparchi (9850887) 11.10 Salty Jessy Raphael (3608448) 12.00 Beechy (852101 1.00pm Hotel (74155) 2.00 Geraldo (45245) 3.00 Count TV (8072) 9.30 The Oprah Wintrey Show (5659167) 4.15 Unitum (7263413) 5.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (8784) 6.00 The Simpsons (8603) 6.30 Jeoparchyl (6055) 7.00 LAPD (9413) 7.30 M*A*S*H (2239) 8.00 Through the keyhole (1061) 8.30 Animal Practice (3688) 9.00 The Commish (24177) 10.00 Star Trek. The Next Generation (27054) 11.00 Molicise Place (98871) 12.00 Late Show (2908727) 12.45sem Chil Wats (9038253) 1.30 Anything But Love (58901) (9035253) 1.30 Anything But Love (58901) 2.00 Hil Mot Long Play (9092253)

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SKY NEWS

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(1984) (61239) 10.00 Kings Go Forth
(1958) (71051) 12.00 The World in His
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Strong (1963) (60261142 12.10am Adventures of a Trail Driver (1976) (231814)
1.45 Golden Bolis (1963) (33833) 3.20

Brasking the Silence (1991) (991746)
5.00 The Prince and the Pauper (1972)
(30678)

THE DISNEY CHANNEL

Sky Movies Gold takes over from 10pm

to 4am. 6.00am The Muppel Babies 192356500 6.30 Ducktales (36873448) 7.00 Queck Attack (87871581) 7.30 Rescue Rangers (8776356) 8.00 Darkwing Duck (50411500) 8.30 Wonderland (50410971) (\$0411500) 8.30 Wonderland (\$0410971) 9.00 Lamb Chop's Play-along! (\$0507351) 9.30 Fraggle Rock (\$4155429) 10.00 The Mupper Babies (\$6784500) 10.30 Pooli Comei (\$0503536) 11.00 Under the Um-brella Tree (\$7834784) 11.30 Dumbo & Crass (\$7835413) 12.00 Desey (\$4065850) 1.00pm FILM Gulliver's Travels (\$2484177 2.30 Linder the Umboda Tree (\$2484177 2.30 Linder the Umboda Tree (92446177) 2.30 Under the Umbrella Tree (455)9061) 3.00 Ducktales (47583603) (455)9061) 3.00 Duchales (4763903) 3.30 Duchales (47621806) 4.00 Rescue Rangers (45437413) 4.30 Darlwing Duch (456448) 5.30 Danger Bay (452017) 6.30 Danger Bay (452017) 6.30 Danger Bay (45438142) 7.00 The Torkelsons (47402784) 7.30 Tail Tales and Legends (47402784) 7.30 Tail Tales and Legends (47402784) 7.30 Tail Tales and Legends (47402784) 7.30 Tail Tales and Legends

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SKY MOVIES GOLD

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7.00 Good Morning Europe SKY SOAP 7.00am Guiding Light (8394719, 7.55 As the World Turns (2319852) 8.50 Parton Place (7639856) 9.20 Days of Dur Livas

(91435559) 8.25-10.00 Entertainmen: Specals: Jackson Browne Gong Home (93128516)

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SKY SPORTS 2

SKY SPORTS 7.00am Inside the PGA Tour (3203); 7.30 Wresting Superstars (99142) 8.30 Racing (42142) 9.00 Aerobias (39023) 9.30 Ameri-(42141) 9.00 Aerobas (3922) 9.03 Arientan Sports Cavalcade (99239) 10.30 Surf Salling (38806) 11.00 Tetley Bitter Challenge India v Sussav (19352-5) 7.00pm Sports Central (160503) 7.05 Ammee and Folkestone — Live (2933790) 9.00 Boots 'n All (5900) 10.00 Sports Centre (939061) 10.15 World Wide Rugby (299697) 12.15am Futbol Mundiae (28746) 12.45 Boots 'n All (28859) 1.45 Formula Turse Riscing (213901) 2.15-2.30 Sports Centre (9348123)

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THE HISTORY CHANNEL 4.00pm Our Century (6607264) 5.00 Memones of 1971 (4201448) 6.00-7.00 Biography: Marco Polo (3374603) THE SCI-FI CHANNEL

1.00am The So. Million Dollar Man 90485431 2.00 FILM in the Altermath --The Angel Never Sleeps (24346524) 3.10 South Floor (31729494) 3.35-4.00 Inside Space (31779272) 9,00am Simply Paining (1666719) 9,30 Grew with Jule (7518142) 10,00 Dogs with Output (15405055) 10,30 Gur House (1655632) 11,00 Homemaker (6054784) 11,30 Craftings (2055412) 12,00 Julia Child

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Tour's arrival in Britain provides evidence of continental drift

Europe on course for change

IF EVIDENCE were needed of the changing nature of the PGA European Tour, then the circumstances surrounding the Benson and Hedges International Open, which starts this morning at The Oxford-shire Golf Club, near Thame, supply many compelling ex-amples of it. It may be in France that the more things change the more they stay the same, but, in golf, the more things change the more differ-

ent they become.
It is now mid-May, barely one month from midsummer. and the European tour - with fifteen tournaments completed this year — has just pitched its tents at a venue in Britain for the first time. Although next week's event, the Volvo PGA Championship, is at Went-worth, a golf course that was designed three-quarters of a century ago and is as British as roast beef and Yorkshire pudding, this week's venue is representative of an increas-ing number of courses over which this type of competition is now being played, in that it was designed by an American architect, financed by the Japanese and opened in 1993. The West Course at Went-

worth is superbly traditional. all understated and testing. The Oxfordshire, like so many American-style golf courses. slaps you in the face the moment you set eyes on it, which could be from the nearby M40. The course seems to jump up and down in front of you, telling you how strong and demanding it is. "It's Florida in England." Col-in Montgomerie said. "America has an unlimited supply of these courses. We don't, so we have to build new ones and that brings in the word:

A further example of the change that is all around us is



Ballesteros cuts a lonely figure during the pro-am at The Oxfordshire yesterday before the Benson and Hedges International Open today

the presence of 6ft 8in Gordon Sherry, competing in his first European tour event as a professional after coming seventeenth in the Scottish Professionals' Championship last week. The ballyhoo surround-

ing Sherry, who only turned professional last month after the Masters, has been as big as his feet. This is only to be expected for a man who finished fourth in a professional event last summer, anchored Britain and Ireland to victory in the Walker Cup in September and has a personality as

Sherry will formally graduate from Stirling University in a few weeks. Meanwhile, he is relishing the less physical aspects of the professional game, which require him to play only 18 holes each day. As an amateur, he had to negotiate 36 holes in practice on a Friday and then tackled 72 holes on Saturday and Sunday. He is talking a good fight. The level of my ambition is to become the No I golfer in the world," he said. "It always has

LENNOX LEWIS could be close to

signing a deal to challenge Mike Tyson for the World Boxing Council title (Srikumar Sen writes). Lawyers repre-

senting the two heavyweights are having talks in New York, Frank Maloney.

Lewis's manager, said yesterday.

Maloney had called a press conference

by telephone link-up yesterday afternoon to make an announcement about the title

bout, but called off the conference at the

last moment as talks had reached a

However, Maloney gave the distinct

been but it can't happen

There is more evidence that this season has been far from usual - and not only because dominated or disrupted by



Montgomerie: hopeful

rain. This year, a surprising number of golfers have won for the first time. With his comfortable victory in Madrid last Sunday, Padraig Harrington became the sixth such winner this season.

What does this mean? Is it an indication of the depth of golfing talent in Europe, a fluke or a sign that the makeup of the fields so far has not been of the highest quality? "It is good," Montgomerie said. People are coming through and winning in clutch situa-tions. It is good for the tour, for the Ryder Cup and for

"Last week's winner did well with 36 holes to go and had only just turned pro. In my first year, if I got into a position to win, I tended to throw it away. To play as he did was a tremendous effort."

impression that discussions had taken a my lawyers that the talks are positive on

Severiano Ballesteros holds a more pragmatic view. "This week, or perhaps last, marks the start of the season." he said. "But I don't want to take any credit from those who came along and won. I haven't paid much attention and I haven't played very much. There are a few good players coming through but I don't see a superstar right now.

Ballesteros, who is unquestionably a superstar, albeit a fading one, was as accurate with this observation as he has been off-target with some of his drives lately. There are no new superstars on the horizon and with all 12 of Europe's Ryder Cup players competing here, it is short odds on an established player claiming the first prize. But who knows what could be about to hap-

Shearer poised to shine in **Old Trafford** firmament

By PETER BALL

MANCHESTER United are understood to be close to signing Alan Shearer, the Blackburn Rovers and Eng-land forward, for a fee thought to be in the region of £10

Shearer's advisers are reported to have met Martin Edwards, the United chair-man, and Alex Ferguson, the manager, on Tuesday evening, but, as Shearer is with the England squad this week, the signing will not be com-pleted yet. It may be further delayed as Ferguson goes on holiday on Saturday.

The transfer negotiations are not yet complete, but a United insider said: "It is very close." However, he warned, but they were very close with Anderton and Boban too."

If it does go through, it will be possibly the greatest transfer coup of Ferguson's career. United wanted to sign Shearer when he joined Blackburn from Southampton for a then-record £3.3 million four years ago, but at the time were unable to match the salary Blackburn offered. Two FA Cup and Premiership doubles later. United are far and away the richest club in the country and their old wage structure has been left behind.

The move will obviously raise questions over the future of Andy Cole, the club's previous record signing less than 18 months ago. Cole has consistently struggled since moving from Newcastle for £7.5 million. If the move does go through, it will be a shattering blow to Blackburn supporters. and, indeed, to those of Newcastle United, who have been eager to see Shearer back on his native Tyneside.

Glenn Hoddle, the newly appointed coach, watched his first England training session since his appointment yesterday. Hoodie saw the squ being put through its paces at Bisham Abbey in preparation for the game against Hungary at Wembley on Saturday.

Later he had lunch with the players, but took no part in the training session. There had been criticism of Terry Venables, the coach, for refusing to invite his successor to take an active part in the side's European championship campaign. "He came to look at the Bisham Abbey set-up. It was a chance to see how everything works," an FA spokesman

Terry was fully aware and fully supportive of him doing that, and invited him back to the hotel for lunch with the

Venables will slim down his venables will slim down his squad to around 25 for the tearof Hong Kong and China. Two players will be cut from this week's training group with Gary Pallister, of Manchester United, and Steve Howey, of Newcastle, the most likely victims. Venables has no doubts about the fitness of Pallister.

about the fitness of Pallister. who recovered from a persistent sciatic problem to play a leading part in the culmina-tion of Manchester United's capture of the double.

After missing 21 games from December, he, like Tony Ad-ams and Anderton, would

return to the squad refreshed. However, his back still plagues him sufficiently to: restrict his training which is probably a risk too many for England in the championship.

He can't play more than one game per week. He must rest four or five days then go, into the gym and get himself-right," said Venables.

"With Howey, Adams and Pallister it would be taking a bit of a gamble to risk all three for a schedule that could produce six games in little

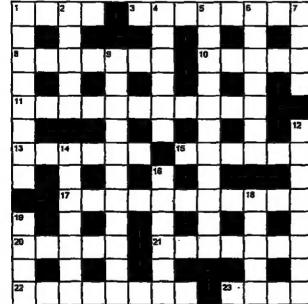
Adams, recovered from a cartilage operation, has given himself four days training with England to reach a selfappraisal of his own position. and Pallister will at least be on

David Gregory, 50, a spe-CIAUST IN FEIRIUS marketing, has been appointed the FA's acting commercial director after the controversial resignation of Trevor Phillips last week.

☐ The Greek Government last night promised to act quickly to restore the country's football teams to international competition. Fifa, the world governing body, suspended the Greece national team and the club sides for failing to comply with its regulations.

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WHEN Dwight Gooden burst on to the baseball scene with the New York Mets in 1984, he seemed ready-made for sporting legend. Ten years later, his talent and fortune dissipated, he seemed more likely material for one of the tragic made-for-television movies favoured by the Amer-

The rise and fall of Dr. K. might have served as a para-ble for any parents wishing to warn their children against the perils of success. Then, on Tuesday, the fallen idol. whose name had become synomymous with weakness and failure, rose again to reclaim some of his dignity. Gooden was 20 when his

star first flashed across the New York firmament. A pitcher, his fast ball was so fast and accurate that it was almost unhittable. He carned a new name, Dr. K., by setting records for strike-outs (a K denotes a strike-out in the scorebook) and turned the Mets from strugglers to con-tenders. In 1984, he was the National League Rookie of the Year. In 1985, he won the pitchers' crown. a Cy Young award, when leading the Mets to only their second World Series championship.

Keith Blackmore on a fallen idol pitching in again with the stuff of baseball legend

Lewis's lawyers close to Tyson deal

positive turn after months of litig-

meetings going on with lawyers, with Don King Productions and Main Events

(Lewis's American promoters), plus representations by Pannix Promotions. There

is dialogue on both sides and, while

there's dialogue there's hope. It would be

harmful on both sides to come out with a

statement. There will be a release as soon

as we have any news. Time strategy is being negotiated. I've been informed by

Maloney said: "There are a number of

The Hall of Fame beckoned and a fortune poured down on him — and the Doc buckled beneath it. By 1987, he was admitting using co-caine and taking a voluntary suspension from baseball. His arm became injuryprone. In 1992, he was one of

three Mets charged with raping a woman in Florida, although he was never prose-cuted. In 1994, he failed a drug test - cocaine again - then failed two more while he was rehabilitating posedly



Gooden received a standing ovation at Yankee Stadium

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Yankees hail the Doc's recovery He was banned from base-ball for the whole of the 1995 season and the Mets let him go. His career seemed over, his promise unfulfilled.

Don King, Tyson's promoter, has tried

in vain before 14 judges in six court

appearances to overturn a New Jersey Superior Court ruling that Lewis must be

Tyson's next opponent.

The main obstacle to the deal was the

\$15 million that Lewis was demanding.

King considered it too much and offered

\$12 million. In view of King's latest reverse in the New Jersey Supreme Court, it would be surprising if Lewis is in a

mood to accept a lower figure.

Then the other New York team, the fabled Yankees, desperate for pitchers, took a chance. They handed him a job this season as their fifth starter. Gooden's legendary fast ball had disappeared but he had compensated by developing a cunning breaking

Even so, his first games ended in defeat. Then, last week, he won at last. It was a step towards rehabilitation. On Tuesday, he took a giant leap. At Yankee Stadium he pitched all nine innings of the 2-0 win against the Seattle Mariners without allowing a single hit. Even the Yankees have had only ten no-hitters in their 93-year history (the Mets have had none).

"It was the greatest moment of my career," Gooden said after his team-mates had carried him from the field and Yankee Stadium had given him its rarest honour, a standing ovation. One more failed drugs test and a life ban would surely follow but, for now, the Doc is once again the toast of the town.







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